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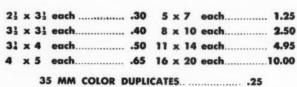
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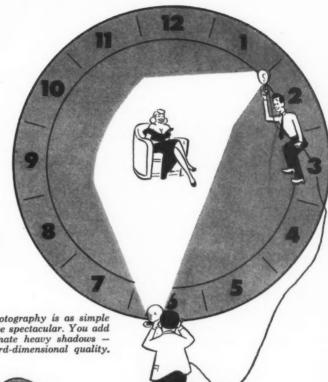
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It is this company's policy to keep abreast of the newest developments in the electronic field, to apply these developments to the benefit of photographers, and to use only the highest quality and most efficient component parts. We regard the electrolytic condensers in our units and those of other reputable manufacturers as a distinct contribution to the electronic flash field. We would appreciate your publication's taking proper steps to correct any erroneous impression which may have been given your readers by the publication in your columns of the controversial information referred to.

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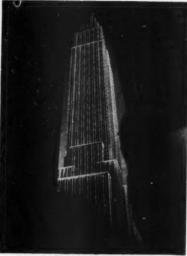
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COFFEE BREAK with the editors

THIS MONTH'S COVER . . .

When Ormond Gigli received the assignment from us which resulted in this month's charming cover, he also got several problems. The biggest of these was-just how, under the formalized conditions of a studio, do you get a dog to lick a boy's cheek? And, once you've done that, how do you get the boy to look pleased, after an hour or so of lick-rehearsing?

Well, Gigli tried two sittings-total time 21/2 hours. If the dog licked, the boy shut his eyes. If the boy was happy, the dog got sleepy. He solved the licking problem by coating the boy's face with sugar. Finally, during the last three minutes of the second sitting, everything—boy, dog, and camera clicked.

Gigli used an Automatic Rolleiflex, f/5.6 at 1/100th sec. He was five feet away from the boy, his light came from four judiciously placed Mighty Midgets (electronic flash units). The film was Daylight Ektachrome.

MODERN ENGLISH PRODUCTION . . .

While American manufacturers turn out photographic filters in mechanical mass production by the thousands. some of the best motion picture camera filters in all England are made in the cobwebby recesses of a cottage in Chalfont by Mrs. Geraldine Geoghe-

Jack Cardiff, a well known British film cameraman who represents Warner Brothers Studios, recently visited Mrs. Geoghegan's incredible domain to obtain filters for the Technicolor cameras currently focussed on Warner's latest opus, The Master of Ballantrae.

He knew just as much about how the filters were made before he went as when he left.

"I still think," reported Cardiff, "that she must have a steaming cauldron of witches' brew hidden in the woods back of the cottage where she produces the filters with magic words.'

SOMETHING NEW . . .

The Tenth International Picture Competition and Exhibition at the Missouri School of Journalism for prints made in 1952 has a deadline of Jan. 15, 1953. This year's contest in addition to the usual awards is giving a Mathew B. Brady and a Jimmy Hare award. Trophies named in honor of these two pioneers will go each year to the news and the magazine or rotogravure photographer producing the best ten-picture portfolio in their respective fields. Plaques will also be given to winners in Spot News, Feature, Sports, Colorand in a new classification, Advertising and Illustrative Photography.

Entry forms and further information are available from Cliff Edom, Competition Secretary, 18 Walter Williams Hall, Columbia, Missouri.

PICTURE OF THE YEAR? . . .

As far as we know there is no prize given for the best picture of the year taken any place by anyone. If there had been one given for the best of 1952, the charming picture of Queen Elizabeth, reproduced on this page. would have been high in the running.

Like Joe Rosenthal's famous Iwo Jima flag-raising shot, this picture tells its own story immediately and to everyone. This is, of course, the picture of a far happier moment. And to the photographer Charles James Dawson, who took it, a salute. We hope



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Picture of the year?

it is not a once-in-a-lifetime venture for him.

How he did it: With a 4 x 5 Speed Graphic Pacemaker equipped with an f/4.7 Ektar lens, he used an electronic flash unit. The exposure was f/11 at 1/400 sec. at 10 feet. The photographer panned the camera with the coach as it passed by.

COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

• If you've always wondered what a professional does when he goes to work print-making in the darkroom, the secrets are in Professional Prints -the Easy Way, a 12-page special section in the March issue.

• We sent professional Peter Basch and amateur John Dunigan backstage at the Paramount Theatre in New York when Virginia Mayo was making a personal appearance. The result: an eye-appealing study of backstage photography by an amateur and a pro working together. You won't want to miss Basch's tips-or Miss Mayo's legs. · Prize-winning color. The best amateur color slides of the year as chosen by the Metropolitan Camera Club Council at their annual dinner, together with tips from the prizewinners as to how you go about taking

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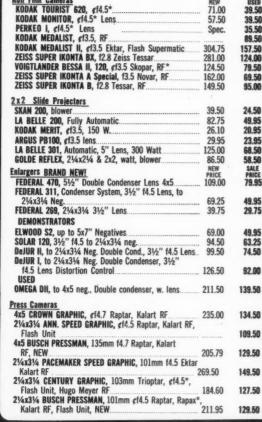
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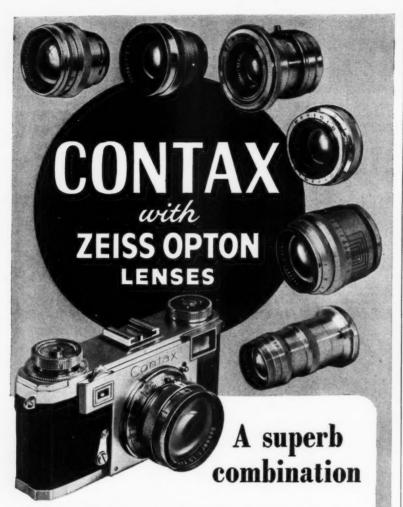
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Klaus Karpf-plenty to smile about.

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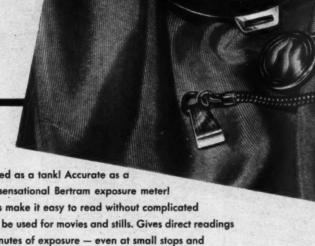
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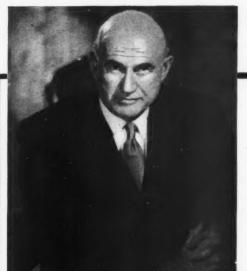
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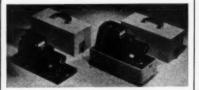


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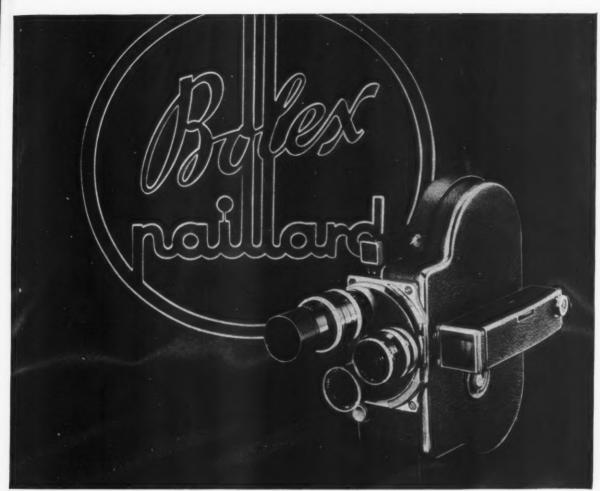
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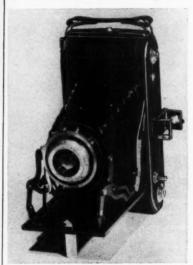
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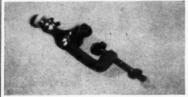
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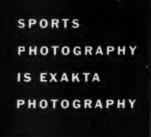
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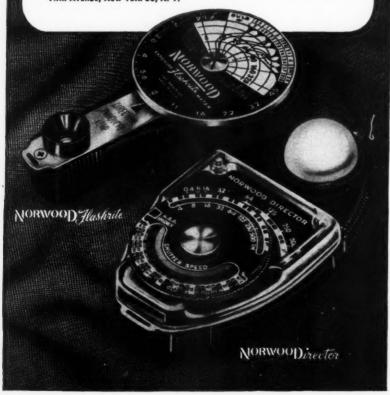
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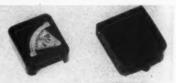
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PHOTOGRAPHER OF ATMOSPHERE

BY JOHN STEWART

"THERE ARE NO RULES IN PHOTOGRAPHY." These are the closing words of a letter written by Bill Brandt, one of the great English photographers of today. And what Brandt probably meant is that no one should impose on himself the fads and dictates of others, but should follow his own sensitivity. Naturally the rules of technique cannot be disregarded; they are not as pliable and diverse as the turns of the imagination and they must be assimilated before the really absorbing part of photography can be attempted; yet one may well, wonder how many with too vigorous an application to "know-how" have become mere technicians and have never got into their pictures a style and a vision of their own.

Looking through a cross-section of Brandt's photographs—most of them in low-key—one becomes aware of a definite intent behind them as well as of a constancy of interpretation. This common denominator of his pictures is atmosphere. Now atmosphere is one of these vague words which may serve anyone's purpose. When Brandt was asked to define it he said: "It is all a matter of emotional response. There have recently been such advances in technique that a photographer can take a picture of almost anything that is demanded of him. I, for one, am simply bewildered when I look at examples of photomicrography: they hardly mean anything. But I find that the associations around a room may be so strong that they produce nostalgia. That is the atmosphere of the room."

Brandt is known as the photographer of London, and although he loves going to France and Italy on assignments he says himself that his response to the subject is never as true and direct on the Continent as it is in England. This is not so surprising: London has not the dynamic quality of New York, the incredible beauty of Paris; it has charm to be discovered in a thousand streets, mews, parks, gardens; you must be very receptive if you are to understand and love London.

When you meet Brandt, you meet a shy, almost diffident man completely devoid of bombast and obviously as interested in the inner eye as in the eye which peers at the groundglass; and as he speaks of his work you perceive another facet of his atmospheric style: romanticism. Yet this romanticism is of a quiet, unobtrusive and



BILL BRANDT AT HOME

JOHN STEWAR

very English kind, the romanticism of evocation. His pictures are completely devoid of the sensational, but this is not to say that they lack the dramatic element so necessary in photography. It has been said of Brandt that he is a photographer's photographer, and in fact many professionals in all countries look to his work for the tenuous and complex variations, the sureness and the simplicity which go to make the masterpiece. Brandt himself is very much in sympathy with the aims of Cartier-Bresson and Brassai. both of them essentially simple and without the mannerisms which too often pass for style.

Tricks are not style, and style, says Brandt, can only be developed slow-

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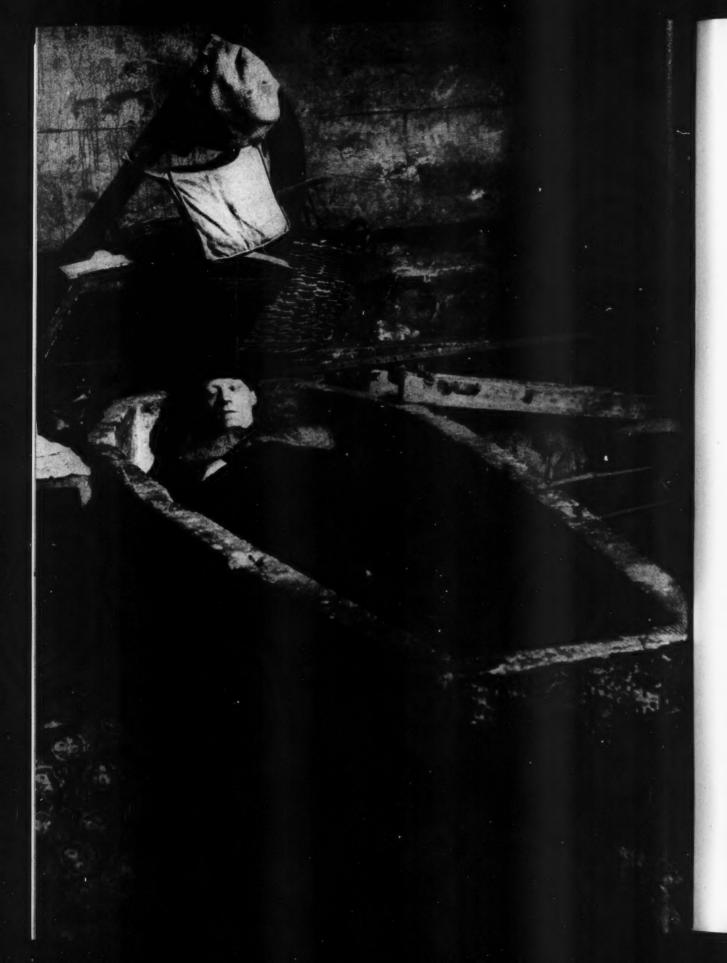
ly. Now in his early forties, he was, like so many other photographers, originally interested in painting which he practiced at a sanatorium in Switzerland where he had been sent at an early age on account of his health. He says of himself that he was always very visual, and simultaneously with painting he experimented with a Box Brownie, his first camera; this was soon to become the more important, and as the time came to leave the sanatorium he felt that photography would keep him in contact with real life whereas painting would have been a continuation of the shutaway sanatorium existence. "My first experimentings were haphazard. I had an early interest in photographs of architecture but the pictures were not satisfying. I turned to landscapes and paradoxically I found the pictures pleasing and yet I had no interest in the subject matter. Then little by little architectural motives started to creep in—a tombstone, a distant house, a milestone—until eventually unconscious fusion was achieved."

Brandt then worked for a time in a Swiss portrait studio where he got his first instruction, but the dullness of Swiss life soon drove him on to Paris where he worked for a while with Man Ray and then for three years on his own. It was the time of Surrealism in Paris (around 1930): a large and very vocal group of painters, writers, intellectuals were engaged in trying to destroy the accepted canons of art by letting the subconscious and instinctive forces of the artist take over the job of

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BILL BRANDT AT WORK: AN EYEWITNESS REPORT

Editor's note: The pictures on these two pages were taken during the blitz nights in London during World War II. In response to a query from Modern, Robert Butts, who worked with Brandt at that time, wrote the following comment:

Brandt's work is perhaps really himself. The medium-sized, blond, thirtyish man I worked with in the shelters of bombed London during the last war could exist only in or through his photographs.

In the first place, he speaks in a quiet voice, almost a whisper, and he mostly answers questions—seldom makes the pace in a conversation. If he is sitting at your desk he doesn't seem to be there. Of course, his body is, but his mild eyes are away in space and he seems to have to bring his mind back to your desk to answer a question.

Quietly, almost imperceptibly, he will walk in and without a word place his photographs before you. Not a quiet word will come from him while you sit and go through them. Good or bad comment will not bring a remark from him. The mild eyes may turn to look at you, but the quiet, almost worried, repose will remain on his face.

It is just the same when you are giving him an assignment. He will listen—you will do the talking.

By all this I don't want to imply that Brandt believes he knows more than you and can therefore afford to be above your comment or direction. He seems just incapable of being anything else but Brandt, as a cornstalk is incapable of being anything else but a cornstalk. Unwittingly he can bend before any directional wind and, when the wind has ceased, unknowingly and gently he can sway back.

I have had the pleasure—and otherwise—of trying to direct many photographers in my time and I have always believed that good direction is the least possible—if you employ an artist you should use his head, not his hands. Another thing I feel is that desk-born direction is the worst kind—a good photographer is worthy of the director occasionally lifting himself out of his chair. I therefore found myself tramping through the streets of blacked-out London with Brandt.

Bombs or no bombs, I learned a lot. In those days Brandt used—and maybe he still does for all I know—just a Rolleiflex on a stand and a flash bulb fixed from a unit not attached to his camera. On our joint assignments he took off the lens cap and I, on his instructions, fired the flash—always from the front. In the darker air raid shelters where it was not possible to focus with existing light I held a flashlight, which had no magnifying glass, just a small bulb, over the heads of the subjects while he focused on it.

The moment he started to work with his camera that sense of his being there in substance, but not in spirit, was even more apparent. His eyes and hands could have been mere mechanical instruments that were reproducing something inside that he could express in the only way he knew—with a camera. It was then that I began to wonder if he really saw what he took or just felt it.

Perhaps I'm a bit old-fashioned, but as I believe that friendship is not brought to rapid fruition by going around asking people if they know what they are doing, I waited.

One night we were in a shelter and all set to take a couple asleep under a quilt. Something woke them—probably my clumsiness with the flash and flashlight. They sat bolt upright and started to grin into the camera. I looked at Brandt and started to pull down the flashlight I was holding aloft. He motioned me to go ahead and I fired. Why I did not know. Certainly the picture he had set to take was no longer there.

As usual, it was a day or so before I saw Brandt again. After shooting he always hibernated in his home—then at Hampstead—and locked himself in his darkroom and printed. Phone calls had

little effect, and in any case his wife would probably answer for him in a very quiet voice similar to his own. You just waited, but you did not have to worry. Brandt and his Brandts would appear. And he did.

I thumbed hurriedly through for the couple in the shelter. There they were, two grinning heads. The flat light of the front flash had been removed, shadows and tones had replaced it. The quilt looked like a king's robe covering an everyday couple taking, with Cockney perkiness in a dusty, sandbagged hole in the ground, the worst aerial onslaught that had ever been unleashed on a city.

I turned to Brandt, pointed to the richness of the quilt and asked, "Did you notice this when you took it?", and to the grinning faces, "And that?" The mild eyes again went off into space, then turned and looked straight at me, and then the soft voice said slowly and deliberately, "No, I don't think I have ever seen them before."

Well, that could or could not be the Brandt I knew twelve or so years ago, and if I am wrong, it really does not matter: the truth of good pictures stands against words warped by time or man.

-Robert Butts





KEW GARDENS

creation. Everything was to be revolutionary, past sources of inspiration were declared null and void: the painter Miro announced that "he wanted to murder painting," Salvador Dali produced his notorious film L'Age d'Or with its strictly taboo scenes. Previously Man Ray—much closer to the Abstract school of painting than to the Surrealists—had invented the Pictogram and showed new ways of using photographic techniques and concepts. All this, says Bill Brandt, has had a lasting effect on him. Then one day he saw the first pictures of Cartier-Bresson and thought him the most interesting photographer of that time.

It can now be seen how these influences helped to shape Brandt's work: to Man Ray's abstractions he owes a sense of composition, to the Surrealists the "dream" quality felt in his pictures, to Cartier-Bresson sobriety and feeling for immediacy. And to these must of course be added the elements of his own genius—love of form and extreme sensitivity for moods.

After the Paris years Brandt returned to London where he has lived ever since. He works only on assignments, proceeding slowly and meticulously. He tries to find out as much as he can about his subject; his re-

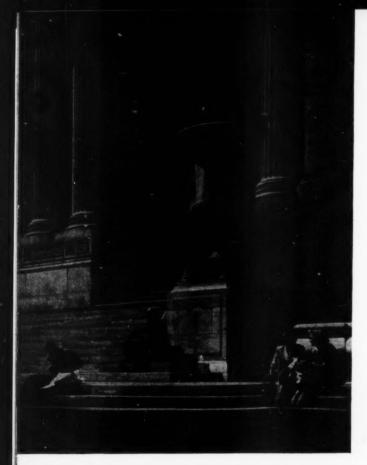
search for a single photograph would be sufficient for an article. If he is to photograph a certain place, he will roam around it for several days in advance of the time he expects to start shooting; he observes the scene at different times of the day, under different lighting conditions. On such observation trips he carries a camera in case he comes across the one aspect that cannot be repeated at will. He makes mental notes and when he does start to take pictures it is a precise and well prepared process. If he is to do a portrait, he makes every effort to put the person at ease and generally likes to be accompanied by someone else. For years now he has been a contributor to Harper's Bazaar, Picture Post, Lilliput, and Illustrated (the last three magazines are published in England); since 1936 he has brought out five books of which A Night in London (1938) is perhaps the best known. He wrote the text for A Camera in London (1948), and fully expounded in the preface his views on photography and described his technique. But perhaps his most famous series is that of the London Underground shelters during the late war. Page 43.

Naturally, like all magazine photographers, he may be called upon to photograph a wide variety of subjects but he refuses to be a jack-of-all-trades: Fashion, for instance, he finds much too specialized for him (he likes best the work of Avedon). A typical assignment might be to do a portrait of a literary personality in which he would try to get something of the associations connected with his sitter Page 120, again it might be to do a series on a London district with the suggestion of its particular local atmosphere Page 39. Whatever the subject, he knows what elements to intensify in order to get the desired effect. Composition comes easily to him and he feels fairly sure of what is going to come out. In comparison with most other photographers he shoots sparingly and does not use much film.

Brandt believes that to like photography is not enough: it is important to discover what one wants to photograph and to call forth an instinctive response. The photographer must be wide open to impressions, he should prepare himself to receive visual stimulus with an unprejudiced eye. "It is part of the photographer's job," says Brandt, "to see more intensely than most people do. He must keep his sense of wonder, see the world anew." His own photographic hobby is experimental interiors of which he hopes one day to publish a selection. Interiors are, of course, most suitable for conveying an atmospheric feeling and they play a great rôle in his portraits. Many photographers, it should be noted, have followed him in abandoning the studio technique of portraiture (the counterpart of the conventional oil portrait), and have moved into the surroundings of their subject in order to try and convey something of the inner man by showing also some aspects of his "shell."

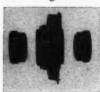
In spite of his fondness for interiors, Brandt has also worked a great deal on a particularly difficult subject which he feels he has at last mastered—landscapes. Landscapes cannot be tampered with: neither light nor compositional elements can (Continued on page 120)





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HOW IT WORKS, WHAT IT CAN DO FOR YOU . . . BY ARTHUR J. RAMPLE

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Here is a Hugo Meyer Plasmatlens, a well-known convertible type. Lens elements have been unscrewed; normally each element would protrude about half its thickness from the shutter.



BOTH ELEMENTS, 6 IN.

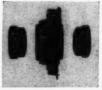
FRONT ELEMENT, 12% IN.



With both elements in, focal length is 6 in. With the rear element removed, focal length is 12% in. For an intermediate focal length, 8% in., front half is removed, rear used alone.

HELPS TO CONTROL PERSPECTIVE ▷

In architectural and commercial photography control of perspective is important. The perspective in a picture changes any time the camera is moved; if there are two or more subjects at varying distances from the camera their relative image sizes on the film will change as the camera is moved nearer or further



away. Sometimes we distort the perspective. Bringing the camera up close to one object makes it seem huge in proportion to something in the background which in fact may be the same size as or even bigger than the foreground object. Sometimes we want to do just the opposite. In the top picture (6½ in. lens) the Egyptian woman statue looks larger than the man; actually, it is smaller. To show the

statues in proper proportion, the camera was backed off twice as far as it was in the first picture. By this time both statues looked tiny and detail was lost. To get a bigger image, the 12¾ in. focal length front element was used alone. Not magic, just practical optics! Quite a remarkable change, don't you think?











△ CUTS DOWN PORTRAIT DISTORTION

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How many times have you seen this kind of a picture or taken one like it yourself? Notice how the hands and knees are distorted. This is one of the commonest portraiture problems, result of coming up close with a normal focal length lens to get a big image. In this case it was the complete $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. Raptar on a

4 x 5 camera. A professional portraitist using a camera like this would employ a lens of much longer focal length, perhaps 10 or 11 inches. Most of us who have a 4 x 5 camera, such as a Speed Graphic, wouldn't have the use of such a lens. Now look at the *lower* picture. The front element of the lens was removed and the picture was taken from a greater distance with only the 10 in. focal length rear



element. Compare the pleasing proportions in this picture with the distortions above. It's in making portraits that the small aperture of the single lens elements may be a handicap. However, in the absence of powerful floods, which are apt to be found only in a professional studio, flashbulbs can supply enough light.

PLENTY OF RESERVE COVERING POWER FOR TILTS AND SWINGS ▷

What do you do in a case like this? What we wanted was the complete front of the New York Public Library plus the skyscraper across 42nd St. To get it all in, it was necessary to tilt the front of the camera up with the result that all the vertical lines were

distorted. Sometimes it pays to tilt the camera up sharply to accentuate this kind of distortion; the result is a striking composition. This, however, lacks dramatic impact, just looks up-tilted, is hardly a pleasing photograph.



Setting the camera level produced this result but was no help. Not only is the top of the library and much of the skyscraper missing, but the bottom half of the picture is now dominated by a large area of paving blocks. A wide angle lens from this position would include the top of the building, but would only exaggerate

the big area of stone blocks. What's needed is a way to raise the camera straight up, include more of the buildings, less foreground paving.



The solution of the problem was to raise the front of the camera straight up, thus changing the area covered by the lens. All the foreground has dropped out, the top of the library is included. For this technique, the lens must have reserve covering power; that is, the lens must be able to form a sharp image which will cover an area much larger than the size of the film. Some lenses have so little covering power that they can barely

fill the negative area with sharp images. Due to their design, however, convertible lenses have great covering power. For example, the 6½ in. Raptar was able to cover an 8 x 10 film sharply, though intended for a 4 x 5 camera.









When that evening sun goes down, many photographers fold up their cameras and put them away. And those who don't scarcely ever move into the wonderful realm of imaginative color which night time offers them. In every city and town there are the lights of traffic, the brilliantly lit displays of department store windows, the blinking neon signs of restaurants and theater marquees. In the country, there is moonlight on the fields, on a highway, headlights and tail lights. Wherever you turn your camera, there is light for color film.

The nicest thing about color at night is its unreal quality, which allows even the veriest tyro to become a color magician, an experimenter. Some of the photographers who took the pictures for this section knew what they were going to get, others hoped for special effects—and still others were startled and pleased by the results.

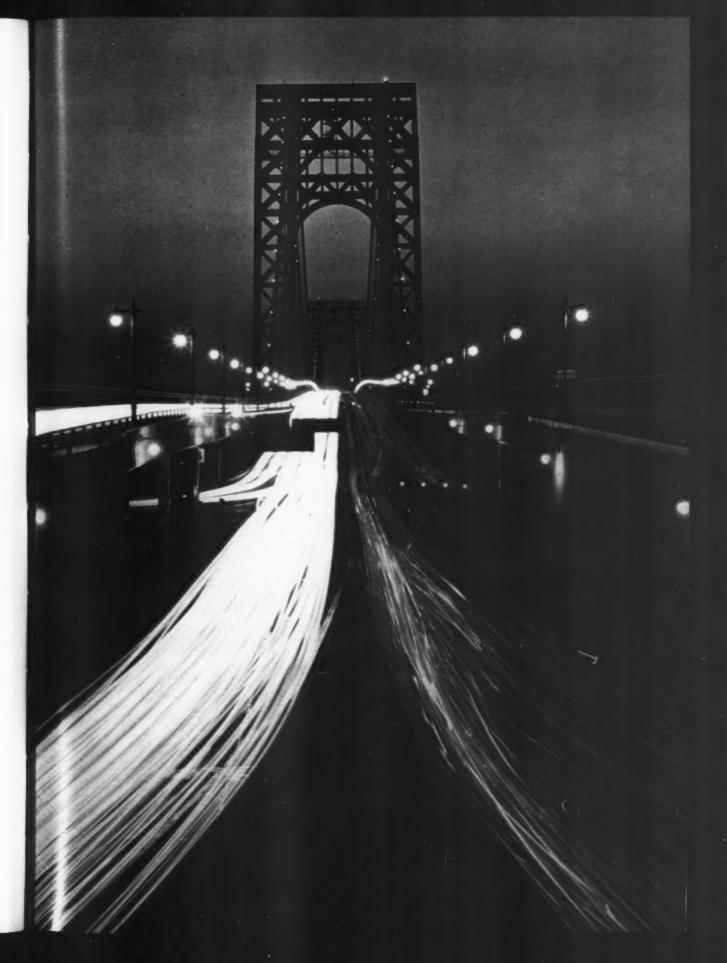
Four of these six photographers are amateurs—and the most technically intricate photograph (that by Norman Rothschild, page 53) was taken by an amateur. Most of these pictures were taken with very simple techniques, all were done with imagination. Try some of these ideas as a take-off point for your own color photographs at night. You'll find new enjoyment and a new world of effort. Here's how these seven photographs were done:

TRY COLOR

BRIDGE BY HERSHENHAUS, PAGE 51. Gary Hershenhaus is an 18-year-old student at the New York Institute of Photography. He took this fascinating study of red and white streaks of traffic near the George Washington Bridge, New York City. He used a 4x5 Speed Graphic equipped with a 120 roll film back. The film was Daylight Ektachrome and he did not use a filter. The photograph is a simple double exposure. The first exposure, at twilight, was for the sky—1 second at f/16; the second, after dark, was for the car lights—5 minutes at f/16. Hershenhaus's photograph is remarkably good because he chose a place where traffic moved so fast that the streaks of light are not disturbed at all by ghost images of unmoving cars. The effect is just about as good as any photographer aged 81 or 18 might hope for. Its execution depended not on equipment, but on imagination. The same effect, given the same traffic conditions, would be possible with many cameras. Try it yourself.

AT NIGHT...

Traffic on George Washington Bridge by Gary Hershenhaus. >





Store window at night by Reginald S. Hibshman.



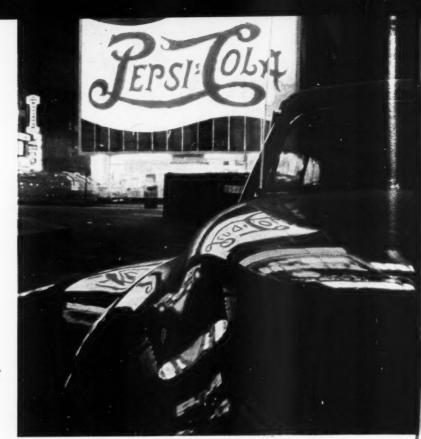




Neon signs and street lights by Norman Rothschild.

Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, by Herbert J. Flatow.





Signs and reflections by Benn Mitchell.

A countryside at night by Fred Lyon. \bigtriangledown



STORE WINDOW BY REGINALD HIBSHMAN, PAGE 52. If you take a walk through the shopping district of your home town, you may find a scene as photogenic as the one Reginald Hibshman found in Seattle, Washington, during the Christmas season. The important thing is to find a window with sufficiently bright colors to make an effective background for the silhouettes of shoppers. Hibshman set up the tripod at 7:30 p.m., then had to wait a half hour till the crowd thinned down enough for him to get the composition he was after. He used a Leica, 50mm Elmar lens, wide open at f/3.5 for 4 seconds. In addition to the light from the window there was some soft illumination from nearby street lamps.

SWIMMER BY BENN MITCHELL, PAGE 52. It isn't given to everyone to be on a ship bound from Bermuda to New York as photographer Mitchell was when he saw a girl swimming in the ship's pool and decided to try his luck at a night color photograph of her. It was 7 p.m., the sun was down and the only light came from underneath the ship's pool. Mitchell used Daylight Ektachrome in his Rolleiflex and shot f/3.5 at 1/5 second on tripod. He used a Weston rating of 24 for his film and then had his lab (Kurshan and Lang) speed up the Ektachrome as much as possible when they processed it. The speed up resulted in the not unpleasing, but unreal brown tone which marks the picture. Mitchell, as is his usual procedure, took several exposures at varying speeds. Most of them were too far under. This was the best of the lot.

NEON SIGNS BY NORMAN ROTHSCHILD, PAGE 53. Norman Rothschild was experimenting with a new portrait lens—a 120 mm, f/4.5 Rodenstock Imagon fitted on an Exakta camera—when he decided to see what he could do by trying color photographs of neon signs and street lamps. This lens, which has varying degrees of sharpness at different apertures, gives very soft images when used wide open. Hence the fuzzy and starry effect of Rothschild's experiment. The exposure was f/4.5 at 1/5 second.

MIAMI BEACH BY HERBERT FLATOW, PAGE 53. Flatow's remarkable shot is made even more remarkable by his statement that he hand-held his camera (a Leica equipped with a 35mm, wide-angle, Elmar lens) for 4 seconds! This method of operation, despite Flatow's beautifully sharp results, is not recommended. Always use a tripod when shooting anything slower than 1/50th sec. Flatow used his lens wide open at f/3.5. The film was Type A Kodachrome, no filter. He climbed a ladder to the dome atop the Ver-

sailles Hotel in Miami Beach. He stood on a 4-ft. square parapet and leaned against the dome for support when he made the shot. To steady the camera, he pressed it very hard against his forehead, held his breath.

REFLECTIONS BY BENN MITCHELL, PAGE 54. There is no doubt that photographer Benn Mitchell picked the ideal spot for a color shot of reflected neon signs when he chose Times Square. For in no other place is there such a variety and number. But you don't need the lights of the Great White Way to make a good reflection shot. Just pick a shiny automobile parked near a colored neon sign. Circle around till you find that the colored streaks and fantastic shapes please you, then shoot.

When Mitchell shot, he was using a Rolleiflex and Daylight Ektachrome. He used a tripod and he took three exposures at f/16—30 sec., 45 sec., 60 sec. He had determined that 45 sec. was the proper exposure, he shot over and under just to make sure. Exposures with color film can be tricky—and it is a good idea to try the 3 exposure rule whenever it is at all possible.

COUNTRYSIDE BY FRED LYON, PAGE 54. If you pick a summer's evening when the moon is full, you may come up with something as lovely as this shot taken near Marysville, Calif., by Fred Lyon. Lyon, who lives and works in California, used a 4x5 Linhof equipped with a 7-inch Bausch and Lomb lens for his efforts to capture the moon. His film was Daylight Kodachrome and the exposure was 30 seconds at f/6.3. The first rule to keep in mind when going after a pictorial view of the moon is to watch the length of the exposure. If it is too long, instead of a round white ball, you may end up with a white streak. Early summer nights are good for this kind of photograph since there is usually a remnant of light left in the sky to give you a good blue, yet the moon is bright enough to register on your film.

Final hints: When shooting color at night, always use a tripod. If you don't have one, rest the camera on some kind of firm support—fence, bridge railing, whatever is handy. If you have a cable release, it is a good idea to use it. You'll avoid needless jarring of the camera that way. You don't need a fast lens. Even an f/7.7 will do if you allow sufficient time for exposure. Try starting your work at twilight when there is still some color left in the sky. Avoid pitch blackness unless you are photographing signs and want a dull background. You won't need to worry about filters. Colors are distorted at night anyway.

CRIME PAYS FOR WAGNER

He makes money by photographing murder

by Edna Bennett



Gary Wagner demonstrates good strangling form while the male model pays close attention. At the same time he reminds the girl to keep her right arm and elbow much further down.

To illustrate the discovery of a dead body, Wagner used one electronic flash unit at camera position, with a 4 x 5 Speed Graphic. Lighting was meant to show that discovery was made during the daylight morning hours.





Almost ready to shoot—Wagner adjusts the Number 4 flood, and waits for the model to remove her wedding ring, so he can go ahead and shoot. The 750-watt boom light is already in position to the left of the well-coached pair.



Here's a technique Gary uses frequently to get the realistic results needed for crime shots. About to photograph the strangling scene, he has assumed the expression he is trying to coax out of his models.

ID YOU EVER WONDER who took the photographs which appear in detective magazines? Well, one of the better known photographers in this unusual field is Gary Wagner—and murder is his business. Whether the story calls for a realistic shooting, a store holdup, or the arrest of a gangster's moll, Wagner has the props, the cameras, and the knowhow to turn out these illustrations. In fact, crime supplies him with a very lucrative way of making a living.

Gary's "path to crime" started a few years ago when an art director complained about the lack of good detective illustrations. This casual remark represented a challenge—to apply his commercial photographic experience to another field of work. In a short while he was making these pictures full time, and had picked up most of the "do's" and "don't's" of crime photography.

Just what are these rules? First of all, realism is a must. And it's important that these often sinister pictures show sex without resorting to near nudity. There is the ever-present problem of what you can and can't photograph. "Restrictions go in cycles," says Gary, "and we have to be very careful. Right now, a low-cut evening gown on a model is fine, but you can't photograph her in an unbuttoned blouse. A girl can show her legs naturally, but exaggerated raising of a skirt is taboo. And when the story involves extreme violence, very often you can't show it directly, but have to resort to implication."

Let's take a look and see how Gary operates. For instance, what kind of camera does he use? Where does he shoot? And how does he go about setting up a crime story? It saves time to have the props on hand—so Wagner owns enough to turn out almost any kind of shot.



The lighting setup in the final shot focuses attention on the girl, who exaggerated the grimace enough so it wouldn't register as a smile. She remembered to keep her arm down while Gary recorded the gruesome scene.



Man Chases Girl is the kind of action Wagner likes to take with electronic flash. He used one light at the camera, the other to the left. Background didn't matter because it would be eliminated in the magazine layout.

In addition, his prop department is full of substitutes which photograph like the real thing. If the story calls for blood, there's always plenty of ketchup. Toy guns replace real ones which require permits. And being a photographer he fills empty whiskey bottles with developer, as it photographs the same tone of gray. Because federal laws prohibit taking pictures of currency, Gary has an ample supply of phony greenbacks. And last but not least is the much photographed jail. Made of four wooden broomstick handles, tacked top and bottom to pieces of wood, it is a flimsy affair which anyone in his right mind would heave into the nearest dustbin. But when Gary gets through lighting it, and puts a prisoner inside, his photogenic jail looks just like the local lockup.

Most of the studio flood shots are made with an 8 x 10 view camera fitted with 4 x 5 back and one of two Ektar lenses: the 8½-inch for full figure work and the 14-inch for closeups. Since over half the shots call for dramatic, low-key illumination, the 750-watt boom is probably the most used light in the place. It can easily be moved to provide face or figure lighting as well as menacing shadows. The other lights are No. 4 floods in large-size reflectors.

From the pictures shown here you can see that not all shots have to be identified with a section of a room—such as the apartment "set" provided at one end of the studio. In these cases Gary spots the scene in front of a







Preparing for the jail scene, Gary adjusts the model's sweater (above) by pinching in the back folds with clothespins. The no-seam background shows here, (center) while Gary tells her she will portray a drug addict

screaming to be let out of jail. Then the jail bars are added (right) and the boom light is set in place for a dramatic effect. Note the typical "bad girl" clothes on the model—tight sweater and short skirt.

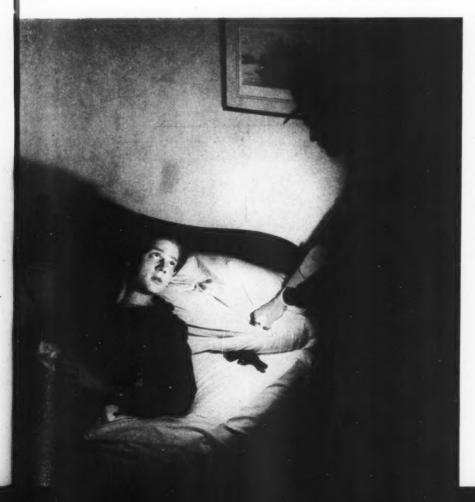
white background. This consists of a 50-yard roll of noseam paper, 10 feet wide, which is unrolled to the floor, and then across as far as the action will take place. This gives him a continuous background, without the break usually found between an ordinary backdrop and the floor.

Electronic flash is another useful tool, which enables Wagner to catch strained muscular action or fleeting emotional responses more forcefully than with floods or ordinary flash. During the past year it has replaced the regular flashbulb to a great extent. Using an Add-A-Flash or two Heiland Strobonar portable units (plus extensions), Wagner can get almost any kind of lighting effect he wants. The camera for all flash lighting is the 4 x 5 Speed Graphic, which he also uses on location.

Just what happens when a magazine gives him a crime story to photograph? One of the first things Wagner does is to read the script and make notes on picture possibilities. Next come two lists—one of props; the other of the number and kind of models who will be needed. After that his secretary goes to work. It's her job to match models to descriptions and assemble props, while Gary and his assistant get things set for shooting.

The pace is fast and strenuous in a life of photographic mayhem. In a working day of about five hours, Gary makes dozens of negatives—usually one for each scene of the crime—at most two. To do this, sets and situations are kept simple, and models, (Continued on page 118)





To make this "bad girl" shot, the model's bathing suit was pulled off her shoulders—and Gary aimed a 750-watt boom light on the scene from below. The eigarette was burned part way, then extinguished, so smoke wouldn't get in her eyes.

Problem: show a detective finding the murder gun under the suspect's pillow, by flashlight. To do this Wagner put a No. 5 flashbulb in the torch, and rigged it to the Speed Graphic. A handkerchief was placed over the other bulb at the camera.

CITY BOY... COUNTRY BOY

DO THEY REPRESENT DIFFERENT PHOTOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS?

HERE IS JACQUES LOWE'S PICTURE AND WORD ANSWER.

On a very gray day country boy drives cattle to their own field to run in snow. Rollei, f/8 at 1/100th.



A lot of people who live in the city will tell you that they have nothing to photograph. The only pictorial possibilities are in the country. Country photographers, on the other hand, will complain bitterly about the lack of action in the rural life. Well, in my view both groups are missing a bet. For there is one photogenic commodity native to both city and country life—namely, children. And they are always rewarding subjects to picture. They all smile, pant, cry and most of their dreams, emotions and thoughts are openly displayed.

All this does not mean that you can grab your camera, dash out and be assured of perfect pictures as long as there is a child for you to photograph. There are certain problems to be overcome. The single most important thing for you to do is to get to know the child and make it possible for the child to know and like you.

The time to start taking pictures is when your subject has quit paying special attention to you. It's sometimes a good idea to aim an unloaded camera at the child to get him used to the idea. He'll soon quit clowning (and all children clown and become self-conscious at first) and will move to another interest.

At this point, I just let the child run off and follow his every move, waiting for the right expression or the typical gesture—both of which I am prepared for because I know the child. While my major interest lies in the human interest aspect of the story, I am always fully aware of the composition and lighting. It is always a quick decision as to whether to include full figure or just use the face in a very emotional moment. You also have to decide immediately whether to include the background as a story-telling element. Dramatic lighting or a special angle or composition may effectively heighten the value of a shot.

I use two cameras in my work—a Rolleiflex and a Contax II equipped with a 50mm Nikkor and a 35mm Biogon. The Rolleiflex is for compositional work, the Contax for following quick action. I never use flash bulbs or electronic flash because I want to remain inconspicuous and not disturb the child.

The story I use to demonstrate my ideas was done at the suggestion of a city-living editor who was struck at the different interests his son had from those he had enjoyed as a country boy. I've described how I approached the story. When I was finished I found that photographic procedure didn't have to be changed from city to country. I also confirmed my suspicions that boys are essentially boys, regardless of habitat.

On a very gray day city boy heads for ice skating rink in New York City's Central Park with two pals. Rollei, f/8 at 1/25th.



CITY BOY has lots of friends, few jobs. He leads a much more active physical life than many people believe. Before trying to photograph these children, I tried to become their friend. I hung around for three days, learning about their games, worries and hearing about their girl friends over numerous ice-cream sodas. Soon the kids were aware of me only as a friend, not at all as a photographer. The actual shooting took me about three days also. To demonstrate the point of group activity, I wanted to show a street ball game. I got up close to my central character to show his concentrated efforts in playing. I had to take 5 or 6 shots to make sure I had the right one-and since I couldn't see what was going on in back of me I got hit several times. I did not pose any of the pictures with this story in the sense of asking for a previsualized picture. I might suggest an idea to the child and then let him execute it his own way. If you ask a youngster to do something foreign to his nature, he'll freeze and the picture will be cold and forced.





At end of busy day, brothers watch T-V. Rolleiflex rested on floor, f/4 at 1/5 second.



Boy, far right, and pals take off skates to go into cafeteria to eat. Gray day, f/5.6 at 1/50th. Rollei.







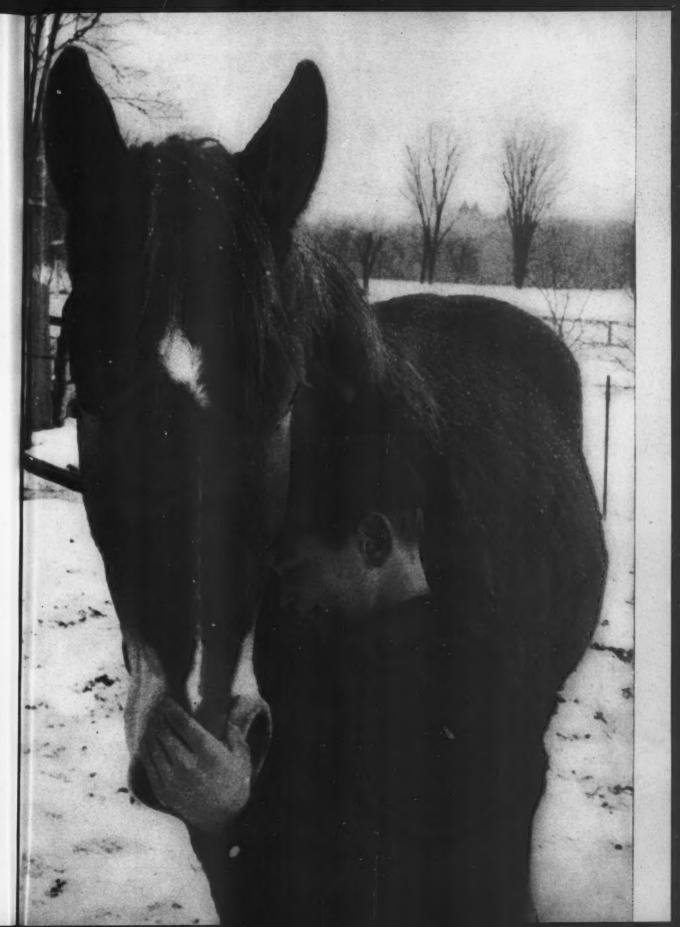
Country sport: being pulled on a sled. Contax, f/11, 1/25th.

COUNTRY BOY has a life which begins at 4 a.m. when he starts his chores. He finds his relaxation in his horses, cows, agricultural machines. He has few friends, is happy in his closeness to animals-especially a pet horse. My job in photographing this boy was to express these things. I followed him constantly and let him get used to me so that he forgot all about me in his pursuit of his daily job. I had weather problems on this assignment—but they were physical rather than photographic. Once I had a real endurance contest, running after the boy and his sled, left. This and the shot right were both the results of pursuing action to its climactic pictorial point, while the early morning picture below was of a more planned nature. The tender study of the boy petting his horse came after the horse had run out of the barn and had been brought back by the boy's pleas. A child doesn't have to be beautiful to make a worthwhile subject. Nor does he have to live in a picturesque place. The neighbor's kid, your own child-any one will be photogenic, with patience and effort on your part and the desire to let him live his life naturally while you follow him, using your camera candidly.—THE END

Boy and pet horse. Contax, f/4.5, 1/50th.

Work at 4 A.M. Rollei, f/3.5, 1/10th.





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GET THE MOST FROM YOUR **NEGATIVE...**

How to make better prints, save time, money

WHAT MAKES A FINE PRINT? How much must you know to turn out enlargements full of snap and sparkle, with the brilliant highlights, rich details, good shadows that mark a first class print? Naturally, a good negative is a good beginning pointin fact a necessity. But from then on it's up to you.

The principles of good printing are simple. Given a correctly exposed and developed negative of an average subject, plus the proper working materials, almost anyone can turn out presentable prints with very little practice. In the first article of this series (Jan. 1953) we laid out a simplified print-making technique that is virtually foolproof. That takes care of the elementary mechanical rules. But if print making depended only on a few mechanical steps there'd be no need for this article nor for the ones to follow.

Everyone should realize the vital connection between the accuracy and skill (or lack of it) with which we take the picture, and the final quality of the print we're going to try to make. Negatives must be sharp—be careful in focusing, avoid camera shake. Films should be well exposed and properly developed. Under- or overexposed and under- or overdeveloped negatives are much more difficult to enlarge than those correctly exposed and developed. Fingerprints are murderous; dust, lint, scratches, all make the enlarging job tougher, reduce the chances of turning out a topnotch picture. All these are basic trouble-making factors that should be eliminated long before actual print making begins.

Negatives come in all sizes, shapes and, most important, conditions. When photographers are even moderately careful in film exposure and processing most negatives are average or normal in character, and printing them is a simple matter. But there are many others varying widely in exposure, degree of development, contrast, and other characteristics. Each is a separate printing problem, requiring a par-

ticular type of material and technique to solve it.

How do you recognize a normal negative, and what's one that isn't normal? What has to be done with each kind? Why are there different grades of enlarging paper and how are they chosen for use? To get the most from your negative this knowledge is essential. You might get it by trial and error after wasting much effort and material. But if you want it distilled and clarified, presented in a graphic and easy to understand manner, just turn the page and read to the end of this article.

Here is a striking picture. Suppose you had a negative like this one; would you know how to get the best print from it? Read this article, discover that the principles are simple, results gratifying.

'Flat' negative, low contrast



I. This negative will not be easy to print. Shadow detail is weak or missing; the highlight areas are thin.

The entire scene lacks snap, sparkle.

'Normal' negative, easy to print



2. Same scene, but this is an ideal negative. Shadows show good detail, highlights are crisp but not harsh. This would yield excellent prints.

FIRST, JUDGE NEGATIVE FOR CONTRAST, DENSITY

Take out a handful of your negatives; let's compare them with these pictures to determine their characteristics. Don't hold the negative up to a bright bulb and look through-that's wrong! Instead, lay out a sheet of clean white paper so that strong daylight or lamplight shines on it. Hold the negative a few inches from the paper, out of the light. Look through the negative at the paper, not at the light source. First, what's the general appearance? Is the negative so thin that the images are almost transparent, as in photo 4? Or is it dense, strong and black overall with images that let very little light come through, as in photo 6? Neither condition is desirable. What we want is a negative of normal density like photo 5. The little squares under photos 4, 5, 6 represent the relative densities of the negatives. If you have a negative like photo 5 look through it at a brightly lighted printed page such as this magazine. Black type should be just barely visible through the most important highlight areas in the negative. Pay particular attention to the highlight areas (the darkest parts of the negative) and the shadow areas (the lightest parts), and to the

difference in density or contrast between them. Take a negative like photo 3. Highlights are black, dense; shadows are thin. It is a hard, high contrast negative. Quite the opposite is photo 1, in which shadows and highlights differ very little. This negative is soft, flat. The pairs of little squares under photos 1, 2, 3 give an approximation of the range of tones or contrast in each negative. Now look at photo 2; this negative is normal in contrast. The range of tones from highlight to shadow is about midway between those of photo 1 and photo 3. Each of these negatives is a separate printing problem, solution of which will be found on the following pages. In practice it is difficult to separate density and contrast in judging a negative. In any negative a combination of both factors must be reckoned with. Ordinarily, thin negatives are flat. Negatives of normal density usually have normal contrast. Most dense negatives are contrasty. This is not an ironclad rule. A portrait negative underexposed by the light of one lamp may be quite thin but very contrasty. A foggy day scenic may be overexposed and dense, yet low in contrast. Now, please turn to page 70.

'Hard' negative, high contrast

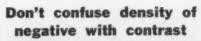




ideal

detail, harsh. prints.

3. Highlights are too dense in relation to shadows. Print would tend to have bald whites, jet blacks, very few of the intermediate gray shades.







6. Overall, this negative is too dense, but contrast has not become excessive. With care this negative will print fairly well.





4. This negative is thin, lacks detail; yet, there is enough contrast to produce a passable picture, with careful printing.





5. Density here is excellent, contrast between highlight and shadows is moderate. This will produce topnotch grade prints.

Ideal negative to print from



7. If all negatives were like this, print makers would find life easier. Moderate contrast and density combine to make this one a cinch.

Muddy, flat; try again



8. This print lacks contrast; even the whites of the girl's eyes are gray. If yours is similar, try one on next "harder" grade of paper.

This is a good print





9. Clear whites, good shadows, wide range of tones suitable to subject and matching negative. Aim for these in producing prints.

WHICH OF THESE LOOKS LIKE THE PRINT YOU MADE?

Because negatives vary so widely in contrast and density (pages 68, 69) photographic papers have to be made in several contrast grades to cope with the problems of making contact prints or enlargements from these negatives. Enlarging (frequently called projection) papers come in four or five contrast grades; contact papers come in five or six grades. The contrast grades carry identifying numbers from one to four (or six) as well as names to indicate the character of the contrast grade. For example, No. 1, soft; No. 2, normal or medium; No. 3, medium hard; No. 4, hard. (An exception to this system is DuPont Varigam. This paper comes in only one contrast grade, but by placing filters of various colors between the paper and the enlarging light source several grades of contrast are available.)

Each of these paper grades is designed to get the best results with a particular type of negative, as follows: No. 1 soft paper is for use with hard, high contrast negatives. No. 2 medium is for normal negatives of moderate contrast. No. 3 medium hard goes with slightly flat (or soft) negatives. No. 4 hard paper helps out with flat, low contrast negatives. It is not necessary

to have equal stocks of all paper grades on hand. Most negatives can be printed on No. 2 paper. No. 3 grade comes next in frequency of use. Once in a while you need a few sheets of No. 1 or No. 4 for a difficult negative. To get the most from a negative it's necessary to pick the right contrast grade of paper to print it on. Study the illustrations for this article. They will make it simple for you to match negatives and paper grades. In particular look at the four prints on these two pages. Here is an excellent negative—it printed well on No. 2 medium paper. It was also printed on three other grades of enlarging paper to show what happens when the wrong grade is used. The four pictures make up a graphic comparison chart against which you can judge your own success in matching paper grades to negatives. Buy a small package of each of four contrast grades of enlarging paper. From your negative file pick out a few pictures of various kinds. From each negative make four prints-one on each grade of paper. You will then know more than most photographers do about how paper grades work. In addition, you will find it much easier to turn out good prints. Now please turn to page 72.

Contrasty, but not too bad



10. For this subject, too "hard". Go one paper grade "softer." For more dramatic subject, this might be considered acceptable contrast.

'Way off, harsh and horrible





11. Such a print shows use of too "hard" a paper. In this case the paper should be two grades "softer" to get a really good print.

TO REDUCE HIGH CONTRAST USE 'SOFT' PAPER GRADES

This negative has a great range of tones. Highlights are dense, black; shadows are thin, have little detail. Using hypothetical figures we can say that the shadow areas could let through at least 35-40 times as much light as the highlights; it has a tone range from dark to light of about 35 to 1. Think of this in terms of a long row of little squares such as those shown under photo 12. Starting with the black square, representing the densest part of the negative, there would be 35 such squares, each a shade of gray a little bit lighter than the preceding one, finally ending up in a clear white square; each square represents one tone in the negative, from the darkest to the lightest. This negative was printed on No. 2 medium paper, photo 13, but unsuccessfully. No. 2 paper has a moderate range of tones, perhaps 20 to 1 (also hypothetical) to match the tone range in negatives of moderate contrast. It is impossible to compress the 35 tones of the negative into the 20 tones which the No. 2 paper can reproduce. No. 1 soft paper, however, is made just for this purpose. It has a longer scale of tones than the No. 2 (perhaps 30, hypothetically) and is thus able to reproduce more

Negative of high contrast





12. This negative has a great range of tones; some areas are almost solid black, others are practically clear. It is very contrasty.

Negative of very low contrast



15. This negative is almost a monotone; everything is in shades of gray which differ only slightly. This one is a really flat negative.

Print on No. 2 paper, muddy





16. Print on No. 2 "normal" contrast paper is muddy, flat, has no highlights or blacks. Paper's tone range is too long for negative.

Print on No. 2 paper, too harsh





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13. No. 2 "normal" contrast paper cannot handle the great differences between highlight and shadow. Print is too contrasty.

Print on No. 1 paper, much better





14. No. 1 "soft" paper gives extra long range of tones, is able to handle contrasty negative, make a print of more normal contrast.

Print on No. 4 paper, more snap





17. No. 4 "hard" paper has short range of tones, more closely matches those of negative. Result is print more normal in contrast.

TO BUILD UP CONTRAST USE 'HARD' PAPER GRADES

of the tones in the negative, photo 14, although it cannot handle all of them. Quite the opposite situation arises in photo 15, a negative with a very short range of tones. If we laid out a row of gray squares representing the tones in this negative there might be only five of them (tone range of 5 to 1, perhaps). This negative also was printed on No. 2 paper, unsuccessfully, photo 16. No. 2 paper, as pointed out above, can reproduce a range of about 20 tones from black to white. It is impossible to spread out the five tones in this thin negative to make use of all the tones in the paper, so in the print there are no near whites or near blacksonly a few shades of gray. No. 4 hard paper is designed specially for this situation. From white to black it has a very short scale-perhaps 10 tones. This does not quite match the 5 tones in the negative, but it is close enough to make a substantial improvement in the final print, photo 17. Now take a quick look back at page 70. Keeping in mind what has been explained here see what happened when one negative with a moderate range of tones was printed on four different contrast grades of paper. (Continued on page 112)



AN EASY WAY to get variety in your pictures is to print two negatives together on the same piece of enlarging paper. Not only will you get unusual effects, but you'll have a chance to use some of those less successful background shots which all of us have taken at one time or another. There are several advantages to printing double—instead of each negative separately on the same piece of paper. For one thing, you see exactly what you get before exposing. For another, you can crop, compose, and dodge right on the enlarging easel, while the complete picture is in front of you.

To get striking results, at least one shot in each pair should have strong contrast. So look through your old negatives. Pick out a handful of likely looking ones, and start making combinations. Sooner than you think you'll find several pairs which seem fine for double printing.

While each of the pictures on these pages was made with two Rolleiflex negatives, placed together in the enlarger so the edges met—you can do the same thing with any size film. It's also easy to place one negative at an angle to the other, and still fit both into the enlarger. Supposing your slide carrier won't accommodate them in this position? The answer, then, is to make a simple substitute with inexpensive material. Two clean pieces of glass the same size as your (Continued on page 104)

printing double is no trouble

Photographer Benn Mitchell didn't achieve the cutout effect above with scissors-but by combining one old negative of a bakery wall and window with a picture of a nude. The background negative was placed on its side to produce this interesting result, as awning, awning supports, reflections, and fire escape cut into the figure of the girl. To make the picture at right Mitchell used an out-of-focus close-up of the same wall. The second negative was a picture of a girl photographed against a striped background, with left arm and hand purposely stretched out toward the camera.





Two negatives—not three—were combined by Benn Mitchell to produce this double printed picture. Each figure was photographed against the same pattern background. And the lamps at upper right, held No. 1 floods. In printing, Mitchell placed both negatives in the slide carrier of his enlarger—then printed them together on a single piece of paper.

the Camera Clubs

by MABEL SCACHERI

Throughout the country there are thousands of teen-age fans wistfully eyeing adult camera clubs and wanting to join. A great many of these juniors own first-rate equipment. They know their stuff, and they make pictures that often put their elders to shame. Still, most clubs have an age limit in their membership rules. To join, you must be grown up.

It does seem kind of mean to brush off the younger set this way. Many clubs get twinges of conscience and think maybe they should organize a Junior Group or Teen-Age Auxiliary.

Obviously a Junior Group will eventually supply new members for the adult club—energetic young people already experienced in the ways of camera clubs. Many of the juniors will, of course, be the children of adult members, and the young-fan club can make for pleasant parent-child relationships.

Now let us see what such an organization entails, in work and time for the grown-ups. I can report the experiences of a typical club which tried out the plan. Many of the members were afraid the kids would wreck darkroom equipment. As far as I can tell, they were not as hard on things as their elders! They turned out in droves for the organization meeting, and took

readily to the idea that they should elect their own officers and run their own meetings.

But oh boy, those meetings! Everybody talked at once—straight through any lecture being given by an invited speaker. The young club president couldn't keep order. The adult counsellor from the original club was always having to shout, "Cut out the noise, fellows. Didn't you come here to listen to Mr. Jones?" The young fans didn't really mean to be ill-mannered. They just didn't have the self control to master that youthful enthusiasm.

Eventually the group petered out, because the adults just could not find the time, not to mention the brute strength, to run things. I don't know whether the main trouble was the size of the junior group—some 50 or 60 teen-agers—or whether too much was being asked of too few of the adults.

Anyway, I can make a few suggestions to any club contemplating a junior group. First of all, make sure that a majority of the members of the adult club are really interested. Then, try out several plans for running things before you give up the idea as a bad job.

You might, for instance, simply invite the juniors to four regular sessions

of the adult club each year. That, I am sure, is what the young people really want! They're just crazy to be grown up—to do everything Pop does.

Take the juniors on a couple of field trips during each club year. They are just wonderful on trips. Those young legs are simply tireless—the kids are full of enthusiasm-and they have a swell time taking pictures. In addition, it's easy to mingle fans of all ages in a field trip. Any club can manage 10 or 12 juniors and work them into some of the club activities. And a handful of teen-agers in a much larger crowd of adults will not indulge in the horse play, back talk, and just plain talk-talk-talk during a lecture which makes an all-junior meeting such a pain in the neck to the unfortunate elder trying to manage the session. Here's another idea. If your club has no darkroom, find out how many of the juniors need training in basic photography. Then see whether some of the members will take on one or two juniors, at their own homes, and teach them the fundamentals.

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You will be surprised how fast they learn. If I have to teach photography to a novice, give me a youngster any time, rather than some older person who has forgotten how to pay attention to a teacher. Teach the young people one or two at a time, if you can. When handling five or six, keep them all busy every minute, mixing solutions, cleaning trays and tanks, washing prints. It is during the lulls that they break out with those wrestling matches.

The juniors like to turn in prints and have them judged and rated on print nights, too. But do have the critical comments made by competent adults. The young people do not have the experience in viewing pictures, nor the tact in expressing their ideas which makes good critics.

Kids, you know, are apt to be conservative. And while they do come up with fresh ideas now and then in shooting pictures, they are inclined to crack down on any novelty found in the work of another young fan. So get a modernminded grown-up to make the comments and encourage originality.

To sum up, measure the depth of the pond before you plunge in, and don't attempt too much at first. Try out the younger group with field trips and invitation meetings, to see how well the juniors blend with adults. Don't expect old heads on young shoulders, no matter how well-mannered, intelligent, and photographically skillful the young people ere. Realize that a junior group takes a lot of steering, but be prepared to have the young "officers" handle as much as they can. Don't be disgusted and huffy if the kids behave as though they were in school and you were a teacher they had to outsmart. That is the sort of world they know. The ideas of self-government and selfdiscipline are very new and hard for them. And the larger the group the crazier they act-just like adults. Say, how reasonable and orderly is the average political rally?-THE END.



"Now . . . Let's see if we can remember what we learned yesterday . . . "

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How to select an enlarger

Your enlarger is the heart of your darkroom, an investment for years of use. Choose it with extreme care. If you're using an old, out-dated enlarger, now's the time to make a change.

A good enlarger for the amateur photographer must be solidly built, easy to manipulate, and safe for negatives. It should have the best available illumination system, for good printing speed, good printing contrast, good visual

contrast for focusing, and cool operation. For the serious worker, it should provide for lens interchange, perspective correction, and a range of negative sizes; and it should be adaptable to other uses, such as copying and slide making. And it should sell at a reasonable price.

For reference here, let's use the Kodak Flurolite Enlarger, since it embodies all these features. Once you've compared, this is most likely the enlarger you'll choose.

Check the illumination. An "integrating sphere" lamp house with fluorescent "cold" light is the modern source. This is the illuminating system on both the Flurollite and low-cost Kodak Hobbyist Enlarger (below). Inside of lamp house should be brilliant pure white for top efficiency. Ordinary "off-white" paint does not compare with the special intense white used in the Kodak lamp houses.

Check the balance. Flurolite's spring counterbalance assures easy raising and lowering of enlarger head.

Check the coolness. Circline flu-

prescent light is safer for nega-

tives. Lamp house never becomes

hot in these enlargers.

Check the range. Don't be limited by the height of the enlarger column. Flurolite head swings entirely around, for projecting big blowups all the way to the floor.



Check the controls. Titting head and rotating negative carriers allow perspective control in all planes! Swinging head and rotating carrier permit you to center any part of the image squarely on the ease.

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Check the scope. Flure-

Check the scope. Flurolite's long bellows allows wide range of enlargement. Lenses interchange—you choose the focal length that's right for the negative.

Check the materials. Flurolite uses the right material for each part. Long-lasting neopene for the bellows. Rigid steel for the column and bar-frame bracket. Big, comfortable, easy-to-grasp plastic knobs. Heavy-gauge sheet steel for the base. Special ultra-white paint in the lamp house. Heavy-duty underwriters-approved wiring. This enlarger is built for long, faithful service.

Check the rigidity. Flurolite column is deep-anchored—extends all the way to the bottom of the all-metal paper-cabinet base. Better than just screwing a column to an ordinary baseboard. Smooth steel tube gives maximum freedom from vibration without excess bulk.

Check the handling. Flurolite's smooth vernier controls allow swift simultaneous two-hand manipulation. No irritating "stop-focus-reset" routine. Ne locking and unlocking of controls. The speed of auto-focusing, plus the precision of visual setting. This is modern design, and a lay to use.



Check electrical safety. Flurolite connections are safe and permanent—made at the factory. Heavy-duty cord from base to lump house is self-coiling—avoids kinking and fraying.

Check value. Weigh all the features against the price. Flurolite price, \$99.50 without lens... a "most-for-your-money" value. (Price subject to change without notice.)

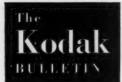


Check versatility. Flurolite, with accessories, becomes a copying camera, movie titler, slide-making camera, photomicrographic camera, and a view camera (with rotating swing back) for either studio or outdoor usel

Check convenience. Light-tight cabinet base holds paper—and test strips—right at hand.

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How to select flash equipment

Flash equipment, whether you use it daily or infrequently, must be efficient, positive and dependable in action, uniform in illumination, easy to handle, and versatile enough to meet your needs. First-rate design, which assures these qualities, need cost no more than inferior design. It frequently costs less.

The flash equipment you select should depend upon the type of camera with which it is to be used, the amount of use you will give it, and whether or not you will want to use multiple extensions (which demand B-C, battery-condenser, power). Some equipment, such as the professionallevel Kodak Ektalux equipment at right, is designed to cover every likely contingency. Other units, such as the Kodak Standard Flasholder below, are designed to cover the widest range of amateur needs at moderate cost.

Check the connections. Open it up and compare. In Kodak equipment you will find extraheavy battery contacts and connector strips; firmly soldered, properly insulated wiring . . . all to keep electrical resistance low, to provide dependable fire power.

> Check the grip. A shape that feels "right" in your hand is important . . . it gives steadiness, helps eliminate picture-spoiling hand shake. You'll find your hand shapes naturally, comfortably, around Kodak equip-

Check the bracket. Look for rigid, non-slip brackets. This is U-chan nel steel, with thick non-slip pad Inserted, comented, and riveted in.

> Check the cords, Demand flexible, non-kinking cords, and rugged connectors. Kodak rhadiumplated connector contacts won't corrode: they assure dependable performance.

Check the price. Weigh it against features and quality. Kodak Ektalux Flashelder, \$29.75 to \$33.85, depending on bracket. Extension units, \$12.40. Numerous accessories available. Kedak Standard Flasholder, \$8.25. B-C Flashpack, \$2.95.

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- √ 1. Reflectors
- √ 2. Grip
- √ 3. Alignment
- √ 4. Power √ 5. Versatility
- √ 6. Fittings
- √ 7. Connectors √ 8. Price

Check the reflectors. Shape. depth, and surface are all impo tant. Too deep a bowl leads to "hot spots"; too shallow a bowl spills and wastes light. Kodak reflectors have the correct shape and surface to distribute the maximum of light uniformly over the picture



Check the power. Standard photoflash battery power will meet your needs if batteries are fresh and you use only one lamp. For greater dependability, with one lamp or several, choose B-C (battery-condenser) power. It's built into the Ektalux Flasholder (above); can be added to the Standard by inserting a Kodak B-C Flashpack.

◆ Check the convenience. The right exposure is just as important in flash photography as in outdoor work. All Kodak flash equipment carries the flash exposure data you need on the back of the reflector.

Check the alignment, Matching serrations on Standard bracket and Flasholder keep flash perfectly aligned—a low you to angle it and lock d it in place.

Check lamp acceptance. Ektalux takes either midget or screw-base lamps; focuses midget lamps for normal beam, or wide flat spread for

Check lamp-handling capacity. Ektalux handles up to 3 lamps with one battery; up to 7 with two batteries. Standard, with B-C Flashpack (at ◀ left), handles up to 3. Either unit can be used on camera or off, on 15-inch, 3-foot, or 20-foot cord.

> Prices include Federal Tax and are subject to change without notice.



Check the versatility. Profes-

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How to pick slide-viewing equipment

Slide-viewing equipment covers an enormous range—in type and quality. The unit that's best in a theater is not necessarily best for a small living room. And exterior design is not a good index of mechanical and optical quality—sharpness, screen brilliance, uniform illumination, image warmth, proper cooling, quietness, easy operation. In any wise choice, these are the three basic questions you want answered:

- 1. Where will I use it?
- 2. How large is the audience?
- 3. How can I get the most quality on the screen—at least cost?

For home showings and average groups

For high screen brilliance, crisp image quality, easy use, long service, and moderate cost, you'll want to check the qualities of the new 300-watt Kodaslide Highlux III Projector. Its quiet, powerful blower base, with double-channel ventilation for both lamp and slides, assures safe, low operating temperature. Its Lumenized optical system, with aluminized glass reflector, Lumenized double condensers, and the highest-quality heat-absorbing glass obtainable, puts 50 percent more light on the screen than a non-Lumenized 300-watt system. The price, \$56.50. Kodak Highlux II, 200-watt, \$36.50, has same optical system; can be converted to Highlux III by adding 300-watt lamp and blower base. For greatest thrift, good quality, and adequate illumination for moderate-size home shows, check the 150-watt Kodaslide Merit Projector, \$26.10. All three units have the unique top-slot slide feed which eliminates side-to-side jarring and unintentional repeating.



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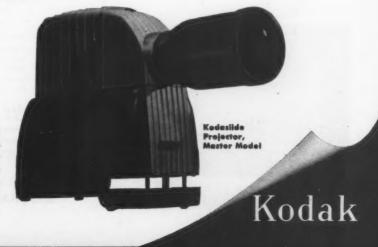
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For intimate showings, utmost convenience

For yourself, for viewing your slides whenever you want to without disturbing the rest of the family, or for intimate group showings, the Kodaslide Table Viewer 4X or Model A will be desirable. These combine projector and screen in one compact, attractive unit, always ready for use at the touch of a switch, day or night, even in a fully lighted room. Slides are enlarged on the black Kodak Dayview Screen, which retains full contrasts . . . sparkling, brilliant highlights, deep, rich shadows. Illumination is uniform, and image is not washed out by daylight or room lights. Precision optical systems, easy feeding of slides, focusing controls to compensate for different types of slide mountings. Price: 4X, \$49.50; Model A, \$97.50.

For big audiences, professional showings

The Kodaslide Projector, Master Model, is a top-quality, professional-type unit. Heavy allmetal construction; quiet, heavy-duty blower for top-efficiency cooling; accepts lamps 1000-watt to 300-watt. Choice of Kodak Projection Ektar Lenses, f/2.3, and Kodak Projection Ektanon Lenses, f/3.5—5-inch or $7\frac{1}{2}$. Price, \$169 up, depending on lens.



How to choose sound projection equipment

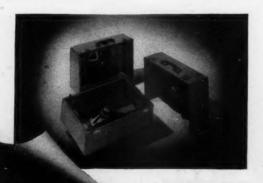
Considering a sound movie outfit for home entertainment, to facilitate school educational programs, for the projection of religious films in your church, or for training or selling in your business? Then you'll want equipment of convincing performance and complete dependability under the widest variety of operating conditions. In selecting your projector, it pays to know what to look for . . . whether you are buying for your own use, or have been consulted as a photographic expert by your local PTA, club, church, or business associates. Check on the factors listed on this pageand you will find that the Kodascope Pageant Sound Projector provides the right answers-every time:



Screen Detail Sound Quality Size and Weight Ease of Use Range of Use **Need for Service**

Check Portability: Light weight, ease of packing and carrying are definitely desirable. The Kodascope Pageant Sound Projector, complete with speaker in an attractive carrying case, weighs but 321/2 pounds.

Check Adaptability: For large audiences in large halls, or for difficult acoustical conditions, a Pageant Multi-Speaker Unit is available—3 extra speakers in matching case (shown below). List price, \$92.50.









Check Ease of Maintenance: Experts have listed over- and under-lubrication as the two major causes of projector loss of use. The Pageant, and only the Pageant, has permanent lubrication built right into a 16mm. sound projector!

Check Tone Quality: The Pageant audio system is built to high fidelity standards, delivers 7 full watts of distortion-free power.

Check Reproduction Fidelity: Sound should be "focused," too. The Pageant's Fidelity Control permits easy sound focusing to the emulsion side of the film, whether it's "up" or "down."

Check Tone Control: The Pageant's full range tone control permits the bass and treble tones to be balanced to audience size and likes.

Check the Screen Image: A 2-inch f/1.6 Kodak Projection Ektanon Lons with unique "field flattening" element. and a 750-watt lamp, give clear brilliant pictures with corner-to-corner screen sharpness. A 1000-watt lamp (on AC only) and accessory lenses are available for long throws and larger screens.

Check Capacity: The Pageant accepts 2000-foot reels for 55 minutes of uninterrupted sound movies: 1 hour and 20 minutes of silent shows.

Check Versatility: The Pageant accepts either silent or sound films. Connections for microphone or record player add to its usefulness.

Check Ease of Threading: Threading is simple and direct with the Pageant. The film path is clearly marked on easily followed guide plate.

Check the Price: At \$400 the Kedascope Pageant Sound Projector is your most economical sound projector selection...for its outstanding and exclusive features...for its unexcelled performance...for its almost complete freedom from maintenance needs. It is available at your Kodak dealer's ... or write Rochester.

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Save film by shooting more!

Shoot more scenes . . . and save film, is one answer to the ever-present problem of movie-making costs. And a seemingly self-contradictory directive like this one should serve to get a lot of readers in on this month's discussion, out of skepticism or just plain curiosity.

Well, having stuck my neck out, to all intents and purposes, it's only fair that I admit to being back with one of my favorite

movie-making subjects: continuity.

Shooting a film—amateur or professional, for that matter usually has as its aim the telling of a story. In that respect the motion picture has much in common with narrative writing. But the means at the disposal of an author differ from those you can use as a cinematographer, in several important ways. For one thing, the pencil-pusher can take a character or an incident and toss in all sorts of sidelights if he chooses to do so. He can use dialogue to acquaint you with his hero's personality, motives, methods and actions. Or he can use literary devices to set the scene, develop action to an interesting point, or change of location.

Some authors employ considerable detail in this way. Others do it in much terser fashion. In either case the book or story is written to be read at leisure—there's no need to rush matters

anyway when you have plenty of time.

Not so with your film. First of all, you aim to keep your audiences with you every second, and without turning them loose until the end of the film. A story or book conceivably can be laid down for a while, if necessary. But once you start that projector rolling, you and the audience keep on to the end of the line, for better or worse. No stops.

Hollywood knows this-hence the cutting room, and the position of importance a really good film cutter occupies. Even a lengthy feature production in the professional field must move and keep moving right up to that final fade-out. And it must do the best possible job of description and information in a rather limited period of time.

Same way for the amateur-except that you and I can't run wild with vast vardages of film as the studios have been known to do. We don't want to skimp, but most of us have to be careful with that Yankee dollar.

So Doc Cinema tells you to save footage by shooting more scenes! Well, let's take an example and let me try to fight my

way out of this one.

Say you're filming a camping trip, and you want to depict the start of a typical day en route. You have a central character whom we'll call Joe. On this particular morning it's Joe's turn to prepare breakfast for the party. First he has to get his clothes onthose he didn't sleep in. But do you hold the camera on him while he laces every eyelet in those knee-length boots? No. If he shaves (and he's crazy if he does shave on a canoe trip, but there are such people), do you show the whole dreary process? Nope. Show him lathering his face, come in for a closeup of five or six razor strokes. Then skip to the cleaning of the razor and the facerinsing routine.

And here's a good place for working (Continued on page 86)

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ANY SO-CALLED "RULE" of composition is as easy to puncture as a paper bag filled with water. Yet when properly used, some of the basic principles of composition can do wonders towards increasing the emotional impact of a movie scene.

Simple geometric designs are the key to most of these compositional mood-makers. A circular composition, for example, tends to evoke an entirely different emotional response in a viewer than a composition based upon a jagged line. Whereas the circular composition suggests a feeling of orderly, almost static tranquillity, a composition based upon a jagged line conveys an impression of violent motion (such as lightning), or confusion.

Once a movie-maker understands the mood a compositional design is likely to emphasize in a scene, the battle is half won. The only thing to guard against is going overboard in the matter. Choosing a compositional arrangement to fit the mood of a scene is like choosing a proper camera angle, or deciding between a long shot or a close-up. It has to be arrived at by considering the film as a whole as well as the individual scene.

The illustrations shown here are from a 16mm film that Peter Gowland shot one afternoon while his youngsters and their friends were whooping it up as "Cowboys and Injuns." Although the plot was a Topsy affair which "just growed" as it went along, Pete used geometric compositions whenever he felt they would help point up the mood or action of the moment. The diagram beside each picture explains the basic composition that was used. Why not give this technique a try next time?—A. Ahlers



1. MR. AND MRS. COWBOY bring their child to town. This is a neutral opening. The circle formed by the trees not only frames the scene, but also emphasizes the mood of calmness and screnity.



4. HIGH NOON REST. Three subjects linked together provide no center of interest—hence this is an intentionally static shot which sets stage for action to come when Cowboy family takes siesta.



7. THE CHASE. Movement across the screen in one plane should not be given too much footage because it gives a feeling of monotony. Following movement with camera will pep it up a bit.



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2. BARTER WITH INJUNS is still a peaceful bit of action. Square framing retains the circle's calmness, but is more rigid and uncompromising. Here it conveys a feeling of impending action.





3. INJUN TROUBLE is promised by this cut to a shot in which lurking redskins dominate the foreground. The eye is led naturally to the unsuspecting Cowboy family because they are in motion.





5. ATTACK. A triangular composition emphasizes the danger "descending" upon the victims. The effect would be stronger if the Indians were closer together. They kidnap child for ransom.,





6. THE SEARCH. An inverted or off-balance triangle suggests unsteadiness or uncertainty. The overhanging cliffs in this case help accentuate the Cowboy parents' feeling of apprehension.





8. THE FIGHT. A rectangle (or square) composition normally suggests peace and calm. Here it is used as an exception to the basic principle involved. The framing gives shot dramatic impact.





9. HAND TO HAND. This zig-zag composition (if you can eall it a composition) helps emphasize the excitement and confusion of the struggle. The Cowboy, naturally, wins. (Continued on page 84)





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10. THE RESCUE. The basic composition here is again a pyramid or triangle. But while it is dramatic enough with both foreground and background interest, it does not convey much of the feeling of "strength" usually associated with this design. This is further proof of the point made in the text, i.e., certain basic designs will often help emphasize a mood—if action compliments design.



11. JUGGED. The Indians have been put in the local gaol to repent their misconduct. This melancholy "squaw" isn't going anyplace, and the static circular composition definitely helps say so. The vertical lines of the spike fence also strengthen the feeling of immobility.



12. HAPPY ENDING. On the promise that they will mend their ways, the Indians are released. This fade-out shot makes use of the bleak hilltop lines to lead the eye to the center of interest. THE END.



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DR. CINEMA

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in an additional scene to move your story along. While Joe shaves, cut in a shot or two of one of the other men gathering or chopping wood and starting the fire. Not a lengthy sequence, nojust some brief footage interspersed with other short shots of Joe's shaving business. Result? You've increased the interest and you've told more of a story than you could have done by using far more film on long drawn-out sequences showing the complete shaving or woodgathering or fire-building actions.

Let's go a little further. Joe is cooking breakfast now. A few close shots of the fire and utensils in use can establish the menu-bacon, perhaps eggs or pancakes, and coffee. In between these food closeups get some brief footage showing what goes on among other members of the gang.

Intersperse these various activity scenes with cut-backs to the cook and the food. Finally you're all set for the logical climax to this series-a close shot of Joe's hands as he bangs the pan with a spoon, followed immediately by a medium shot of his face (and perhaps a close shot of his mouth) as he yells, "Come and get it!"

I hope you've noticed three things in the discussion so far. First, there's a main character (Joe), around whom all this filming activity is centered. This holds things together. Next, most of the shots have been either medium or closeup. (Generally speaking, scene length diminishes as subject distance is reduced.) This increases the narrative quality, accelerates the tempo, and requires only minimum scene length for adequate coverage. Finally, in no single scene has the action shown been covered in its entirety. By interspersing snatches of different action you've managed to convey a definite impression of each. Especially have you put across the main idea that breakfast was being prepared, and prepared by Joe. You showed only a small fraction of his personal routine, actually-but the audience feels that it has viewed practically the entire process.

It is hoped and expected that you haven't cut scenes so short and skipped around so much that a feeling of choppiness has been created. This is the main thing to guard against. A remedy is to put in one somewhat longer scene.

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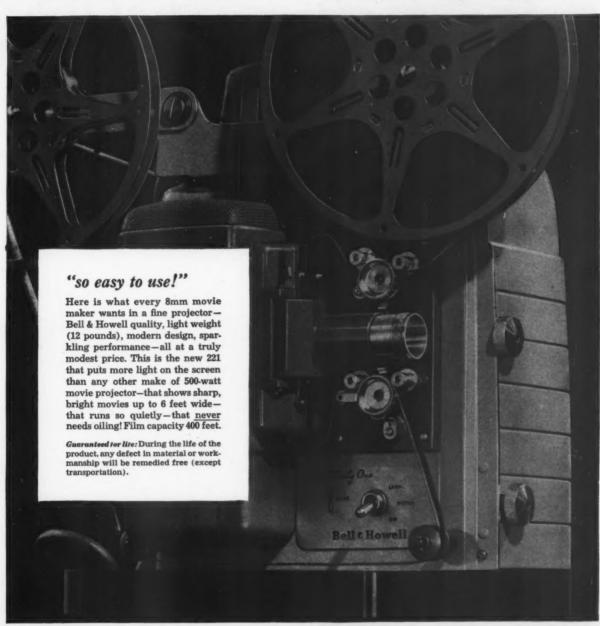
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how they shot the Olympics

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY DAVE ZEITLIN

Over two hundred and fifty newspapers, magazine, television companies, and movie outfits made formal application for permission to photograph the 1952 Olympic Games. By the time the Games finally got under way, however, this would-be battalion of photographers had been reduced to a compact squad of less than thirty photographers on the actual playing field.

That was the way it had to be. Had all the picture requests been honored, the spectators would not have been able to see the athletes for the pho-

tographers.

The "number one" picture-making agency, so far as the Organizing Committee was concerned, was known as the Olympia Kuva—"Kuva" being the Finnish word for "picture." Theoretically Kuva was set up with capabilities to service the world with still pictures. Photographic talent to the count of forty photographers was recruited from Germany, Finland, and even Israel. Decked out in brown business suits and carrying \$35,000 worth of new equipment, eight Kuva photographers were allowed to work on the field at a time. Their pictures went out to all the Finnish papers and were available for purchase by

THE SHY ONES at the Olympic Games were the Russian photographers. The Tass man, above left, closed his eyes when his picture was made; later, in a more fraternal frame of mind, he gave his name as Aleksei Gostev. Most Russian cameras looked like American and European models although their owners claimed that they were entirely of Russian make.

A TOWER ON WHEELS was used by Olympia Filmi, an organization formed by the two largest film production companies in Finland, to document the Games. From this platform, pan shots were made of runners all the way around the track. Forty cameramen used German, Swedish, and British equipment in shooting over 300,000 feet of film for a full length movie.



RUSSIAN photographers asked permission to bring a "tripod" to the games, then showed up with this monster which they planted in the middle of the field. The Russian film, according to the agreement, is to be used for "education and training purposes." Note the ladder used to reach the camera platform.

IS THIS CAMERA, below, something left over from wartime lend-lease? Soviet photographers point to its Russian markings and say it is of Russian make; all others suspect that it is a 35mm Bell and Howell Eyemo. Galina Manglovsky, shown here, handled it like an expert.







THE BIGGEST POOL of still photographers at the games was the Olympic Kuva composed of forty Finnish, German, and Israeli photographers. Kuva spent \$35,000 on new Linhofs, Speed Graphics, and Contax cameras, and used U.S. Handy Talkie outfits so that a director in a control booth could dispatch photographers to main events.

GERMAN photographer Gerhard Bahr of Nuremberg used ten different cameras, often carried a batch of them slung over his shoulder like sacks of grain. The clashing and banging of the cameras seemed not to bother Bahr at all. He, incidentally, was one of the photographers not authorized to work on the field—but he got away with it. anyone who wanted to buy them, including Associated Press.

Although no other organization was allowed more than two photographers on the field at a time, the Big Four of the picture agencies were not dependent on Kuva for their coverage. They made up an "agency pool" composed of eight British photographers who shot for Associated Press, United Press (Acme), INP, and Keystone. This pool was allowed to have two photographers on the field at a time, one photographer occupying a telephoto position in the grandstands, and a fourth photographer roving about in the stands. Unfortunately an agreement to exchange pictures between the various pools did not work out well because Kuva could not deliver pictures as fast as they were needed.

The only American publication which had its own people working on the playing field was Life magazine. Life was able to get field privileges for Mark Kauffman, Ralph Crane, and Nat Farbman—two of whom were permitted on the field at a time. Crane came to Finland from Bonn, Germany, where he is Life's staff man; Farbman flew in from Paris, and Kauffman, who normally works in Life's Washington office, flew to Finland from Chicago.

Soviet Russia, participating in the Games for the first time, had big picture ambitions but received permission to have only two photographers on the field at a time instead of the corps of thirty-three photographers they sent to Helsinki to shoot color movies of the Games.

A couple of Germans who made arrangements with Olympia Kuva were (Continued on page 122)





TELEPHOTO LENSES were used by the Olympia Filmi people to reach up into the grandstands for movie closeups of the Duke of Edinburgh and other celebrities. The lens shown here is a 64 centimeter, f/5 Schneider on an Arriflex camera. Rain and poor light conditions spoiled many color shots.

RUSSIANS were interested in American cameras. Tass man, left, refused to give his name but enjoyed fiddling with the Foton camera owned by photographer Mark Kauffman, right. Man in center is a Russian movie cameraman. When author made this shot, the Tass man, displeased, quickly got rid of Foton.



THIRD PRIZE \$10. It's fun to photograph unusual ice formations. Robert M. Milo of Rochester, N. Y., caught these with Speed Graphic at f/22 and 1/100 on Plus-X.

DURING THE PAST MONTH, several readers have asked how they can make better action pictures, and avoid the failures they've been getting. While there's no set formula, it's helpful to know your camera—what it will do—and still more important, what it won't. A little experimentation will quickly tell you just what action your camera can stop with its fastest speed. Of course you'll need less speed for action coming toward the camera than for action going across the film path. Though sometimes you may want to use a slower speed—to blur the action slightly, and give a sense of motion to the picture. This can be a very useful photographic technique.

And while you're getting acquainted with your camera's possibilities, why not play around with the different f/stops and slower speeds, till you know just what results you'll get from different combinations. All of this helps to take the guesswork out of shooting pictures.

Any reader is welcome to submit as many black-and-white pictures as he wishes. They may be of any size—but remember to put all photo data, including your name and address, on the back of each print. If you want pictures we cannot use returned, please enclose postage. All contributions for "I Tried It Myself" are considered for use elsewhere in the magazine. Send pictures to: Columns Editor, Modern Photography, 251 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

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SECOND PRIZE \$15. A flash duration of 1/5000 sec. was used by Kuo Yen Ng of San Antonio, Texas, to snap this "action plus" shot at a local high school football game. With Wabash-Sylvania portable "Electroflash" unit, Kuo set his 4x5 Speed Graphic at f/8 and 1/200 second. He then exposed on Super Panchro-Press, Type B film, at just the right time.





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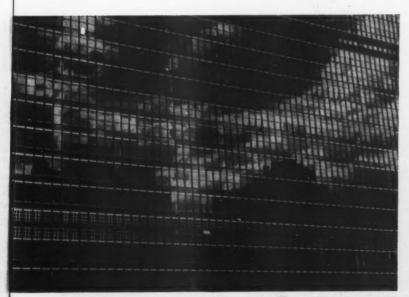
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THIRD PRIZE \$10. Posed portraits can be casual, according to Michael Roth, of New Haven, Conn. He used a Kodak Junior Six-20 at f/8 and 1/100 second, a yellow filter Ansco Superpan film.



THIRD PRIZE \$10. Abraham Dulberg of Brooklyn, N. Y., came up with a different view of New York's. U. N. building. Reflections on a part of the structure, plus Contax set at f/16 and 1/50 sec., did the trick.





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What's Ahead?

by LLOYD E. VARDEN



Progress in photography can come about in a good many ways. Frequently, new processes or techniques result from observations of accidental or unexpected phenomena. Some advances are the outcome of extensive experimental tests to see if materials and conditions can be found to make workable an idea that appears reasonable, provided the ifs can be satisfied.

Turning Disadvantages Into Advantages

It is not uncommon for a disadvantage to be turned to an advantage in order that improvements can be realized. This has been particularly true in the design of photographic lenses. A simple, spherically ground lens is not capable of forming an image on a flat plane, and even on the axis the definition is poor, due to unavoidable aberrations. However, by combining negative and positive lenses made of glasses having different refractive indices and dispersions, the disadvantages of the simple lens can be largely counterbalanced. In other words, opposing disadvantages are purposely incorporated in a unit system to give improved optical image quality.

Sometimes the practical photographer utilizes a normal disadvantage or defect to produce some special effect which he considers an advantage. (Not everyone would agree on this point, though.) For example, gelatin reticulation, partial image reversal—erroneously termed solarization—emulsion melting, etc., which one usually tries to avoid, may be obtained purposely to give a picture that expresses the individual "artistic temperament of the photographer".

Disadvantages Overlooked

When Dr. E. H. Land. President of the Polaroid Corporation, introduced his one-step camera and process it was surprising to some people that the silver halide transfer procedure he used had not been employed before as a means for producing direct positive images. It was said that the phenomenon, as such, was well known because in the course of testing photographic papers it had been observed for years that when an emulsion carrying the positive print image was stripped from the paper base a negative image was present on the surface of the paper itself, especially when the print had been "forced" in development or when the developer was contaminated with

fixing solution. Now manufacturers of photographic paper considered this a disadvantage for normal print production, which it is, and took whatever steps they could to prevent it from happening. However, Land and others turned the disadvantage into an advantage by making use of this recognized phenomenon to produce positive prints, by one means or another.

There are probably numerous other established facts about the photographic process that are looked upon as disadvantages in normal practice that could be developed for worthwhile purposes. Take reciprocity law failure, for example.

Editor's note: The reciprocity law, as it concerns photography, states that the density obtained with an emulsion will be constant for a given degree of development provided the product of the light intensity and exposure time is held constant. That is, the densities on two areas of a film should be no different when one area is exposed for 1/10 second to 1 unit of light and the second area is exposed for 1 second to 1/10 unit of light. However, the law holds only for a restricted range of exposure times and light intensities with most photographic materials. Both the speed and gradation characteristics of films vary when the light intensities are such that either long exposure or very short exposure times are required.

Manufacturers avoid emulsion making techniques that tend to promote this effect. They purposely try to extend the range of exposure times and light intensities through which an emulsion can be exposed without noticeable variations occurring in emulsion speed and gradation characteristics. Why not work in the opposite direction to see if emulsions exhibiting pronounced reciprocity law failure can be made?

Possible Applications

Such emulsions could have many applications. Let's see how.

For black and white printing papers the contrast could be varied by simply changing the intensity and time relationships if an emulsion were designed so that its reciprocity failure characteristics altered the gradation properties of the emulsion through a sufficiently wide range. In contact or projection printing the light intensity could be varied readily by a voltage

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Dr. Kingslake is Director of Optical Design for the Eastman Kodak Company. From 1947 to 1949 he was President of the Optical Society of America.

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A. Aubrey Bodine, well-known photographer, has put out a beautiful book in My Maryland. Enough cannot be said about the excellence of the reproduction and the choice of ink—a brownish black, which comes close to the richness and warmth of a beautiful exhibition print. Mr. Bodine's photographs, taken over a 25-year period may lack spontaneity and warmth, but they certainly do not lack beauty and pictorial quality. His landscapes and seascapes are among the best we've ever seen—and it is certain that he loves his native state a great deal.

It is too bad that the layout artist did not see fit to spread several of Mr. Bodine's pictures across two pages. As it is, we have to be satisfied with one page as the largest format—and this is not enough. Another whisper of criticism—when a photographer of Mr. Bodine's stature puts together a book, he should keep in mind the amateur photographer who would like to know how he works. A few pages devoted to a general description of Mr. Bodine's techniques and listing of technical data for each photograph would add immeasurably to the usefulness of the book for picture makers.

If you are an admirer of Mr. Bodine's work—and most lovers of beautiful photography are—then this is the book for you.—J. J.

THE FACE OF THE ARCTIC, by Richard Harrington, 369 pages, numerous illustrations. Henry Schuman, Inc. Price \$6.

This is the story of a man who traveled 3,000 miles by dog team through the Canadian Far North in order to photograph life in the land of midnight sun. Harrington shared the customs of the Eskimos as he found them, living in caribou skin tents and igloos, dressing as they dressed, and eating what they ate. For weeks on end he slept with his cameras and films, counting upon body heat to keep them in workable condition in temperatures ranging down to 60 degrees below zero. Aside from an occasional mention of thawing out a camera over a seal-oil lamp, however, the book rarely mentions the photographic end of this adventure. You learn that he took along two Leicas and two Medalist cameras, a few flashbulbs, and film for 1,400 exposures. The Leicas stood up under the cold and hardships-but the Medalists didn't. Even though many of the documentary photographs in this book are excellent, technique was something Harrington couldn't worry about. Exposures and diaphragm settings were pre-set; if he didn't get a shot in two minutes, his shutter would slow down and his freezing fingers would leave him howling with pain. This, in short, is primarily a story of the experiences of a man who happened to be a photographer-but who often couldn't document what he saw simply because, "I was just too damn cold."-A. W. A.

COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY by Kenneth M. McCombs. American Technical Society. Price \$5.

Unfortunate combination of poor commercial photographs and technical information available elsewhere in many better photographic books.

THE CATHOLIC SHRINES OF THE HOLY LAND, by The Very Rev. Pashal Kinsel and The Rev. Leonard Henry, with photographs by Alfred Wagg, 200 pages, size 7% x 10. Farrar, Strauss & Young, Inc. Price S5.

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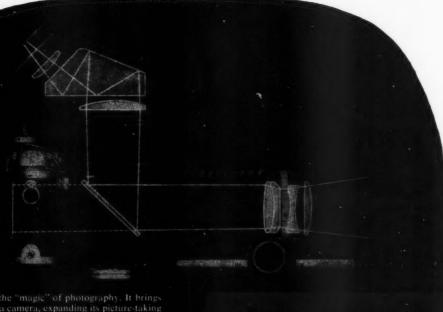
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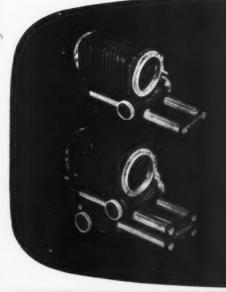
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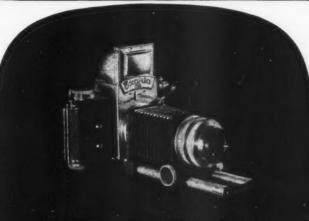
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control, such as a Variac. A printing paper of this type would not require color filters for contrast control as is necessary with present variable contrast papers.

Color Printing

Another possibility for inventors in the emulsion and equipment fields to struggle with is found in color printing. (One could not get a patent on reciprocity law failure or its applications since the principle is well known. However, the methods for producing emulsions highly responsive to reciprocity law failure might be patentable.) In color printing on integral tripack color materials like Ansco Printon, Kodak Ektacolor Print Film, etc., it is nearly always necessary to change the effective speed of one or two of the emulsion layers in order to line up the speeds of all three emulsion layers for neutral color balance. This is now done by use of color filters if the exposure is made with a single light source. When three successive color exposures are made, or when three filtered light sources are used simultaneously, the control is obtained by varying the ratios of the blue, green and red exposure times or intensities. However, rotating filter wheels could be used which have opaque segments of variable width to control the frequency of an intermittent instead of a continuous exposure. Reciprocity law failure will again appear if the total exposure is broken up into a series of intermittent exposures, because the socalled "intermittency effect" is merely a manifestation of reciprocity law failure. In any case, advantages could be taken of the reciprocity effect to bring the three emulsion layers into balance if the emulsions responded properly.

Gradation Changes

However, in color printing a greater advantage would be the gradation changes which occur in an emulsion when exposed to varying times and intensities. If the reciprocity law failure characteristics of the individual emulsions of the color printing material were such that their gradations could be softened or steepened at will, a very useful control system would result. Non-parallel gradations of the three emulsion layers causes the color reproduction to vary from highlights to shadows. Gradation control of the emulsions would allow balanced color reproduction throughout the tone scale of the material.-THE END.





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PRINTING DOUBLE

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Though negatives in full or semi-silhouette are particularly suitable for double printing, sometimes you can get the same high contrast result with simple printing techniques. The idea is to burn in the area you want to darken-or, give the whole picture a longer than normal exposure, while you dodge or hold back an area. Take the three pictures by Benn Mitchell, for instance. They presented the same printing problems, so he used similar control methods. The easiest way to get silhouette effects was to give the figures an exposure long enough to darken them-then burn in the background areas which were too light for good picture balance. But the techniques you use may vary with each pair of negatives. In fact, convenience in printing will be the determining factor.

All kinds of pictures are possible by printing double. Play around with them till you find one you like more than others. To restate an old adage: Two negatives can be better than one. And even if you don't agree, printing double will give you a photographic change of pace from the single negative prints you've been making.-Cora Alsberg

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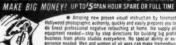
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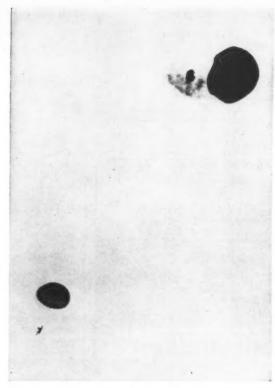
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periment with high-contrast enlarging papers.—THE END



To lose detail in shadow areas, Bob Long intentionally underexposed (1/200 at f/16) this shot of a stunt man parachuting from a free balloon. The negative was normally developed, but printed on high-contrast paper.



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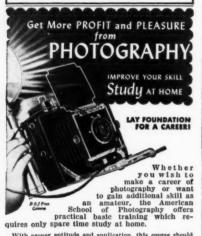
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The doctors may be able to trace it back to where it began but not without stepping on and between mounds of imperfect prints, spilled chemicals, collections of small and large cameras, enlargers, multitudinous accessories and accumulations of assorted films, paper and negatives. It will not be simple.

No cameramaniac could find the answer himself, any more than he could isolate and identify any other fever germ. I know now that the bug lodges in men and women of low, or no, intelligence quotient and in humans who rate high in I.O.; that it creeps into the beggar's blood and into the banker's; into the laborer's and into the scholar's.

It must be 20 years, now, since my first symptoms developed. As in other diseases, it is almost impossible to recall the whole case history, except vaguely. I think it began around 1931 when the world wriggled painfully in economic depression.

A visitor to the New York Times news room offered a Model A Leica with f/3.5 lens for sale for \$10. I bought it. Motivation was probably gadgetitis, a kin affliction: it couldn't have been something I ate. I suffered the happy and common amateur's delusion that the highlytouted magical Leica would take pictures anywhere, any time, in any light or in utterly unlighted places.

I never tried for simple outdoor shots. I wanted to thrill people with impossible shots. Though this Leica had no rangefinder, I clicked madly all over the news room, in dark subway cars, on unlighted streets and in the dimly-lighted parlor at home. I couldn't understand why everything came out blurred and fuzzy. I was in extreme mental anguish.

Then I learned about clip-on rangefinders and exposure meters. I raced to Willoughbys and excitedly bought one of each. I never asked for instructions; just loaded up on more 35mm film and tremblingly returned to the office for news-room portraiture and other indoor snapping, somehow expecting the new gadgets to turn the miracle. They didn't.

Archie, a dreamy-eyed copy boy with a flair for gadgets and with a patience I had never known, found me weak, exhausted and dispirited one day. He got the whole works-Leica, meter, rangefinder-for \$10. Within 48 hours he was back with perfect home-processed negatives and clear prints. He had worked sanely outdoors in good light after a quiet study of basic photographic rules.

His success freshly inspired me. I acquired a brand-new Leica with an f/2 lens, and returned to shooting the darkest corners I could find. I got darker smears. Bitter and baffled, I forsook the Leica. I tried a Contax, then a Contaflex, a Rollei, a Speed Graphic, a Graflex, a Graphic View, all with increasing frenzy. I never stopped to study them. No time for that when the fever was high. I got uniformly bad prints.

The swing from one camera to another covered many years. The advice that kindly shopkeepers gave me was ignored in stubborn anger. Somewhere, my fanatic mind told me, I would find a camera that would take perfect pictures in an unlighted mine at midnight with the hatches down.

The shaking hand, the wild eye, the incoherent mumbling that worried and distressed the family, the haunting of Willoughbys and Penn Camera Exchange and other photoshops all over town; the reading of endless catalogues, the purchase of sharper and larger lenses, the accumulation of high-speed developers, new timers, enlargers, easels, the newest meters-all these symptoms multiplied.

I developed a peculiar cunning to hide the acid frustration that gnawed inside. I boasted of errors and of my consistently muddy prints. I played for laughs with stories about the Empire State Tower guard who pointed out that I had shot two full 35mm rolls without remembering to take off the lens cap. I had them in the aisles with the yarn about shooting \$14 worth of film pack at Fort Sam Houston without once pulling the black

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Meyer Berger is world famous as a reporter for The New York Times, his specialty being crime stories. In 1950 he won a Pulitzer Prize for his account of the massacre of 13 people in a Camden, N.J. suburb by Howard Unruh, who had run amok with a gun.

In this technical age new products regularly appear to challenge the established brands with innovations and improvements. Each year, new names, improved designs, and needed changes are introduced. Continuing scientific research makes this progress possible.

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slide. They liked the one about the time I dropped the Super Ikonta into Grand Canyon while trying for an angle shot.

My days off were spent in the camera shops listening to other lens goons gravely discussing formulas, lighting. paper and film, tripods, pan heads and dry mount. I went filter-batty. I haunted the news stands for the latest photo magazines and dribbled away the dimes for old ones in back-number magazine shops. Nightmares were crowded with plastic and metal film tanks, with print trimmers and other darkroom equipment, doing fancy ballet numbers. I was irritated if the conversation turned on anything but F-stops and depth of field, none of which I understood.

I set aside sizeable portions of income for electronic flashlights, floodlights, light stands, telephoto lenses, diffusers, reflectors-all without clear comprehension, always in panting hope of learning the great secret overnight. I looked for a sign. I read newspaper and magazine photo ads with the devotion that the spiritual read Scripture. I bought, and bartered. I ran up darkroom time as a pilot tries to accumulate flying time, hoping that sheer orgies of concentration might yield the photographic touchstone. Once in a great while the law of averages would drop a fairly legible print, but nothing of even remotely salon or professional quality, just good enough to moon over, and to step up the fever.

Three years ago, the disease had come full cycle. I was back to Leica, where I'd started. Bit by bit I built up a new collection of Leitz lenses and accessories with fancy cases to match. I bought the Leica Manual, which I should have done two decades sooner, and read myself to sleep with it, every night for months. I completely abandoned Shakespeare and Dickens for Morgan and Lester. I read, until I knew it all almost by heart.

Picture quality improved a little. When the fever was not too high I could force myself to a kind of self-deceiving calmness in shooting. I could follow the rules—some of the rules—without letting the fever completely outrace reason. I kept the developer, short stop, and hypo strained. I shook a little less than before as I loaded endless reels into the Nikor tank in the dark, and the film stuck less. I took more time with prints, though the impulse to turn out 8 x 10s and 11 x 14s at the rate of thirty an hour was still strong upon me.

But a new symptom had developed. I spent less and less time taking pictures and less and less time in the darkroom. I began to fondle my equipment by the hour as the peace-seeking Chinese are

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supposed to stroke smooth jade. I focused for hours without film, patted the Leica's flanks as I might a beloved mare's. I took unholy delight in working the whole Vidom viewfinder spread from 35mm to 135mm, for the sheer thrill of it. The family watched me with uneasiness and apprehension.

Now my dreams were of owning the 200mm Telyt and the 400mm Leica lens. I talked in Leitz cablese, using the code terms for the endless Leica parts, and the family thought my muttering was of "Voodoo" and "Hoo-do." I mouthed the Peerless ads about the 14-inch and 16-inch Kilfitts, and the family began to fear the ailment was taking a homicidal turn, though I quoted prices with, and without, Federal Tax.

I spent my Saturdays at Olden's camera shop, pleading with them to sell me new finders and new meters but they, like other camera shop owners, had come to treat me like the village drunk—a kind of babbling creature to be soothed and pitied. They tried to end my spending sprees. I'd stand by and drool when other customers walked out with Rube Goldberg camera gadgets that set my blood a-pounding.

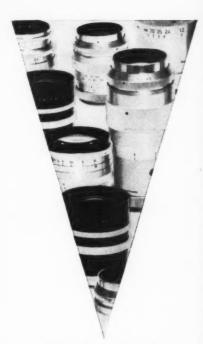
That's about where I am, now, Doc. I am not violent and I contemplate no mayhem nor manslaughter. I have happy recurrent dreams about photography. After a day in which I may shoot from four to six 36-exposure rolls in orgiastic abandon, and get drowsy with my nightly shot of Morgan and Lester, I drift off, utterly exhausted.

In this recurring dream, St. Peter sees my new gadget bag—not a real Omnica, but something like—my new Leica F and my new Leica meter with wing. He smiles, sort of friendly-like, and says, "Come in, Son. You'll find the lighting always perfect here. You can't miss."

And in the dream I back away, in horror. I say, "Good St. Peter, couldn't I arrange a transfer—or something? The other place would be just one glorious dark room, with lots of tricky shooting around the fire, and—"

I'll let you have your couch back now, Doc. The postman's due today with the latest miracle developer. It increases film speed 4,000,000 times and reduces grain to the utter vanishing point. Gotta try it right away. My hands are all a-tremble.—THE END





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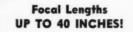
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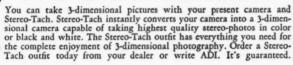
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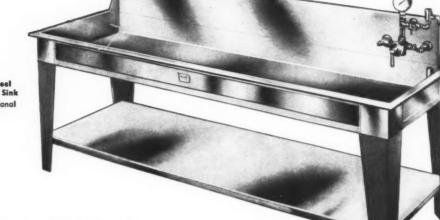


rapher was trying to achieve. For maximum shadow detail the lightest print, top, is preferable. In the center is what most people would judge to be the



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'NORMAL' PRINT DARKNESS is just a word, usually meaning that the subject in the print looks to be about as dark or light as the original subject looked at the time of picture taking. Considering that we generally make the print some days or weeks after the picture was taken, a lot hangs on the photographer's memory of what the subject or scene looked like at the time. And you know how accurate that is! As a result, most people make the final print to represent what they think the subject would look like if they could see it at that moment.

While "normal" print darkness may be desirable sometimes and acceptable



most of the time, there are some subjects which look better if printed lighter or darker than they actually are. Here's a young lady. Do you think the print of "normal" darkness, top, is as attractive as the somewhat lighter, if slightly inaccurate print, bottom?

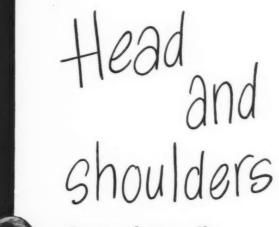
THE DARKNESS OF PRINTS is largely governed by the length of time the paper is exposed and developed. The longer the exposure, the darker the print will be. Some people try to control the darkness of the print by varying the developing time. They yank the print out of the

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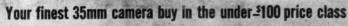
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developer if they see it getting dark too suddenly, or leave it in for longer than usual. This is bad practice. Print developing time should be standardized at 13/4 to 2 minutes to allow full development. Pulling the paper out before it is fully developed results in muddy, flat looking prints. Highlights and shadows are both weak. Prolonged overdevelopment also tends to destroy print quality.

To control the overall darkness or lightness of the print, vary the exposure time. Remember, when the print is wet and shiny tonight it looks a bit richer and brighter than it will tomorrow, dry. If in doubt as to how dark a print should be, make several of different exposures; when they are dry keep only the ones you like best, give the rest to relatives.



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who are paid by the hour, get photographed over and over again. The same man with only minor clothing changes may be murderer, robber, and detective in quick succession.

Another trick is to arrange the shooting script so that pictures are taken in time-saving continuity. Because changing clothes adds up to wasted time and extra model fees, the script is broken down into a time schedule. By this method, the girl who is needed throughout the shooting is photographed first. While she is changing clothes, the male model checks in for pictures in which he appears alone. Then the pictures with two models are taken.

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be changed to suit the camera. It is mostly a matter of finding the right spot, and of waiting for a light which will suit one's mood. Pages 40, 41.

Brandt's latest book, Literary Britain. illustrates houses and rooms where English writers have lived, or countryside. moors, woods which figure in their work No more suitable example of Brandt's meticulousness and exhaustive research (as well as of his erudition) could be found: the entire book including the excerpts, many of them little known, is entirely his own. It is essentially an evocative work in keeping with his style. (Page 45 is from this book. The photograph of the Isle of Skye faces a selection from James Boswell's Journal of a Tour of the Hebrides.) Yet similar old houses, ancient trees, this very English scene have been seen a thousand times by any town or country dweller of Britain: it is thanks to the photographer that they can be seen anew and revealed with all their meaning.

Brandt says very simply that he is not interested in the unusual, in "new angles"—that on the contrary it is the commonplace which reveals the essentials. "It is the photographer who will perceive



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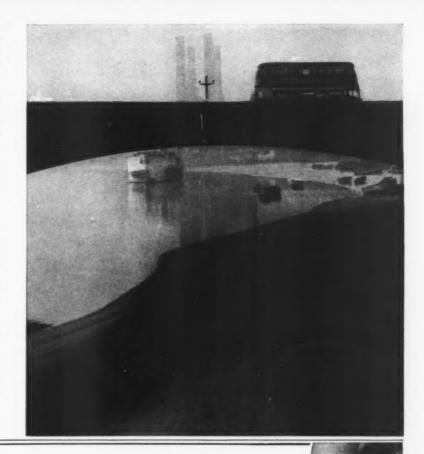
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the elements which transcend the ordinary." In order to control these elements Brandt does his own darkroom work: he says that he often sees pictures in what is known as low-key and he prints them accordingly (he uses DuPont Defender and Kodak Bromide papers, makes his own developer). His equipment is extremely simple: a Rolleiflex and a Korelle Reflex with which he uses mostly a Tele Xenar lens of 15cm, f/5.5. The 35mm miniature camera is not "visual" enough for him. He has a Weston exposure meter and whenever possible places his camera on a tripod. His favorite film is Ilford H.P.3 with a Weston index of 125, just the right amount of contrast and, for the speed, very fine grain; all his work is in black-and-white. He never places a filter in front of his lens as he considers that panchromatic films have rendered it unnecessary, and he always tries to get the maximum depth of field by stopping down the diaphragm as much as is compatible with shutter speed.

"When he is satisfied with his technique, a photographer should go to great pains to understand more than the purely visual aspects of his subject." These words are typical of Bill Brandt who has reached, beyond technical perfection, a world of innuendos, subtlety and pro-

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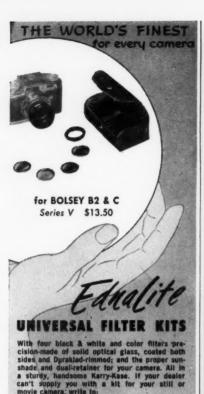
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also allowed on the field, making a total of sixteen still men authorized to shoot simultaneously. Daily attempts by other photographers to crash the gate were, with few exceptions, foiled by the Finnish Organizing Committee.

On the Cinema side, things were just as tight. According to the rules of the International Olympic Committee, the host or Organizing Committee is responsible for making a documentary film of the games. At Helsinki, this job was performed by Olympia Filmi, a setup formed by the two largest film companies in Finland-Suomi Filmi, and Suomen Filiteollisuus. The joint company used forty cameramen in all, twenty-five of whom were Finns. The rest were men brought in from Germany, Sweden, and Norway. Equipment was rented and bought in Germany, Sweden and England for shooting 300,000 feet of film which will be edited for release throughout the world as a full length feature film.

Contrary to popular opinion, it is a city, not a country, which plays host to the Olympic Games. The Organizing Committee at Helsinki hoped to offset some of the tremendous costs of staging the Olympics by selling rights for covering the Games to newsreel and television companies. This turned out to be a false hope. The newsreel companies argued that the Games were a news event and no one could sell the "rights" to cover it. To clinch their argument, the newsreel people united to form the first international newsreel pool in history-one designed to service the entire world outside the Iron Curtain. When the possibility of selling the rights to cover the Games vanished, the Organizing Committee granted the newsreel pool permission to operate. John D. Le Vien, news editor of Pathe News in New York



"I don't care if he is commander of a U-boat. I've got to make prints!"

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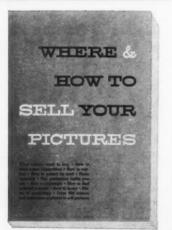
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directed a pool consisting of camera crews from England, France, and Sweden. Two cameras were allowed on the field at a time and some 50,000 feet of film were shot by the six crews. Three prints of each take were rushed to London, Paris, and New York so rapidly that films shot in Helsinki on Saturday were shown in New York theatres on Tuesday.

Severe restrictions, however, were placed on the newsreel pool. The film sent to the States could be used in newsreels only. None could be sold to television producers, and everything that was shot had to be available to Olympia Filmi for use in their feature film.

The Organizing Committee also hit a snag in selling TV coverage. A television pool had been set up in the States to cover the Games but when the Organizing Committee asked a royalty fee, the television people replied that they would neither pay the fee nor run Olympic coverage of any sort. With one exception, they kept their word. This one exception, as an official put it, means that "we (the members of the TV group) might have some dirty linen to wash pretty soon."

The third movie outfit allowed on the premises of the track stadium was a Russian contingent of three cameras, only two of which were supposed to work the field at the same time. The Russians did not stick to their bargain on this one. All three of their people were simultaneously on the field on many occasions.

The Russian cinematographers had a huge "tripod" located in the middle of the field and a blonde woman photographer who roamed the field using an Evemo. The third Russian also turned out to be an Evemo man. The Russian film, according to agreement, was to be used only for "education and training" purposes in the Soviet's vast sport and health program. When a Russian athlete was on the victory stand, however, the photographers would move in close, failing to include the other winners even though the Russian athlete's medal was a second or third place award. Thus the actual use the Russian films will be put to is open to interesting speculation. The Bell & Howell Foton camera

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The language barrier kept the picturemaking fraternity split up more than is usual among photographers. Even so, there was no jostling for elbow room except in the case of one man who represented Tass. This character (who refused to give his name) went about unshaven and parked himself wherever he chose even though it blocked off a shooting position previously picked and occupied by another photographer. At first this breach of good manners dismayed the non-Russian-speaking cameramen. Then they worked out a solution. Whenever the Comrade parked himself in front of another photographer, the thing to do was to shout "Tovarich." When the offender looked around, the blockedout photographer would wave him aside. The Russian would usually oblige.

Although the 35mm camera used by the Russian girl looked like a Bell and Howell Eyemo, an English-speaking Russian stated that all Soviet cameras in use were built in Russia. The Russian still man (who seldom shaved) carried a 35mm camera that was a ringer for a Contax in every detail except for the word "KIEV" stamped on the front of the camera where "CONTAX" usually appears. The English-speaking Soviet movie cameraman explained that the camera was made in Kiev. When I noted Russian markings on the f/2 lens, he offered the information that the lens was made in Moscow. An Ikoflex and several Leicas (or Russian replicas of these) were also used by Soviet cameramen.

For those who covered the Games, the assignment was indeed a rewarding one. The world has never seen such an array of record-smashing performances as those turned in by this year's Olympic athletes. There was joy and pathos in the grandstands as well as happiness and bitter disappointment on the playing field. Underlying the entire session was the feeling that here was the most constructive meeting of the cream of young manhood and womanhood that a world torn by bloodshed has experienced in years. Happily for the present and for posterity, the photographers who covered the Games were sensitive enough and talented enough to record this historic meeting on film .- THE END





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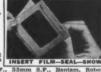
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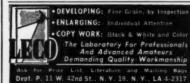
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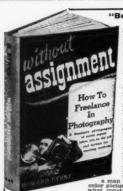
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